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Upcoming Events

Coffee & Careers
July 12, 1-4 p.m.
Carl Albert Service Center
Ada, Okla.
(580) 436-7259

Stomp Dance
July 16
11 p.m.-6 a.m.
Kullihoma
(580) 622-7140

Pine Needle Basket Class
July 16, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House Museum
Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Native Creativity Day
July 16
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

WomenHeart Support Group Meeting
July 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada
(580) 559-0880

Movie Night at the Museums
July 22, 8:30 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol, Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

National Dance Day
July 30
9 a.m.-9 p.m.
McSwain Theatre and Chickasaw Nation Dance Studio, Ada
(580) 272-5520

Youth Speaking Chickasaw Meeting
August 2, 6-8 p.m.
Ada
(580) 272-5318

Holba' Pisachi' Film Festival
Aug.12-13
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Stomp Dance
August 13,
8 p.m-1 a.m.
Kullihoma
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The Pueblo Enchantment Dancers perform during the recent Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur, Okla. The dancers represent multiple pueblos, the majority from Acoma and Hopi pueblos. The group performs traditional and contemporary dances of Acoma and Hopi pueblo. The group's principal dance is the white buffalo dance, typically done during the winter among the pueblo people. Chickasaw dancers, plus dancers from neighboring tribes, performed during the annual Arts Festival. The festival drew over 6,500 visitors this year.

17 tribes, 90 artists represented

Artesian Arts Festival attracts record crowd, features top Indian art

SULPHUR, Okla. – The perfect combination of elite Native art, entertainment, savory food and brilliant weather drew record crowds to the annual Artesian Arts Festival May 28 in downtown Sulphur..

The 2016 Chickasaw Nation Artesian Arts Festival drew more than 6,500 visitors. The experience included the art of more than 90 Native artists representing 17 tribes.

One of the fastest growing Native American Arts festivals in the country, the Artesian Arts Festival has tripled its number of participating artists in the three years since inception.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the growth of the festival was a testament to the widespread interest in Native American art.

"It is very gratifying to see such tremendous interest in Native American art, because Native American artists make such a significant contribution to the culture of Oklahoma and the United States," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are very pleased such a wide variety of talented artists from Oklahoma and across the U.S. made the commitment to be a part of this festival.

"We appreciate all the support we receive from the City of Sulphur and local residents, because the city and the nearby Chickasaw National Recreation Area provide an ideal setting that contributes a great deal to the success of the festival."

Native artists from 17 tribes and 10 states were part of the Artesian Arts Festival competition. The competition included 21 different art categories including photography, beadwork and quillwork, photography, basketry and pottery.

Named "Best of Show" of the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival was the Mike Dart entry "The Burdens We Carry."

Cherokee potter Karin Walkingstick had a banner day, winning second place in the pottery category and experiencing brisk sales at her art tent.

"The Artesian Arts Festival marks the best sales day I have ever had," she said. "It beat my sales in Santa Fe from last year. There were only two pieces of pottery left by the end of festival. People were just flooding in like someone opened a gate."

Ms. Walkingstick and fellow Cherokee painter Mary Beth Thompson are also gearing up to exhibit their works at Sulphur's ARTesian Art Gallery June 3-Aug. 13 as a part of the Nafki Talhlha'pi' (The Art of the Five

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Larsen painting 'back home' in Oklahoma after 10-year hiatus

Martha and Mike Larsen with "Cloud People" a two-panel painting commissioned in 1995 by the Oklahoma City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. The painting has been on display in Kansas City for 10 years and was recently returned to Oklahoma when the branch office moved to Leadership Square II in downtown Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Mike Larsen's eyes poured over two huge acrylic paintings he created 21 years ago.

"This painting of an Arapaho holy man and his people brings back many emotions," Mr. Larsen said. "It was painted right after the Oklahoma City bombing. Two of our children are included and the others are close friends. Many of them now gone."

After 10 years in Kansas City, the Chickasaw artist's two-panel painting "Cloud People" is back in Oklahoma. It was relocated to Kansas City in 2006 when the Oklahoma City Federal Reserve branch moved into a new office without the capacity to properly display it.

"I'm glad it's back home where it belongs," Mr. Larsen said.

a world renowned painter and sculpture who has been honored with induction into both the Chickasaw and Oklahoma halls of fame.

The Oklahoma City Federal Re-

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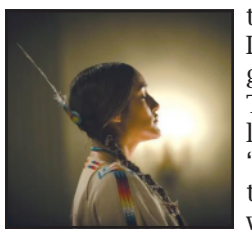
'Te Ata' to be shown July 31 at historic Traverse City festival

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – "Te Ata" will be featured in a special screening July 31 at historic State Theatre the Traverse City Film Festival.



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Located in this city of 16,000 on the shores of Lake Michigan, the State Theatre is listed as the "No. 1 movie theatre in the world" by the Motion Picture Association of America.

The movie concerning famed Chickasaw actress and storyteller Mary Thompson Fisher, stars Q'orianka Kilcher, Academy award nominee Graham Greene, "Twilight" mega star Gil Birmingham, and television and big screen actor Mackenzie Aston.

"Te Ata" follows the early career of the young actress who entertained in the White House and toured Europe entertaining royalty. Te Ata Fisher lived to be almost 100 years old. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1957, named an Oklahoma cultural "Treasure" in 1987, and was inducted in the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1990.

Built in 1916, the State Theatre was restored to its full turn-of-the-century grandeur in 2005 as the showcase of the Traverse City Film Festival. Hundreds of volunteer hours and contributions by award-winning filmmaker Michael Moore ("Bowling for Columbine," "Roger and Me,") saved the structure.

General admission tickets will go on sale July 16.

Clothing grants available to qualifying applicants

Chickasaw youth ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) and Chickasaw college students are eligible to apply for clothing grants.

Funds are distributed in the form of a non-reloadable Visa gift card. The grant is for clothing purchases only.

Chickasaw citizens can apply online at www.chickasaw.net.

Students, ages three to 18 (through high school seniors), must provide a Chickasaw Citizenship card and most recent report card or progress report.

College students must provide an official high school, official college transcript and schedule of classes.

Qualifying applicants will be notified with an award letter.

For more information, contact Youth Services at (580) 272-5585 or clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

'Coffee & Careers' hiring event set for July 19 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens interested in working for the Chickasaw Nation are encouraged to attend a citizen hiring event from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 19 at the Carl Albert Service Center, 1001 N Country Club Road in Ada.

"Coffee & Careers" is hosted by Chickasaw Nation Human Resources. Hiring managers will be present to answer questions, help complete online applications and conduct on-site interviews. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Candidates are asked to bring a driver's license, Social Security card and CDIB.

Departments attending this event include accounting, casino operations, counseling, education, health care, history and culture, information technology and others.

Complete an application online at chickasaw.net/careers.

For more information, contact Human Resources at (580) 436-7259.

Family Cultural Enrichment Day July 23, Aug. 20 at Chickasaw Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - Join in the fun of Family Cultural Enrichment Day Camp, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 23 and Aug. 20, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Family fun will include language activities, stomp dance demonstrations, behind the scenes tours, a stickball game and more.

Space is limited to 40. For more information or to register, please contact Teresa Workman at (580) 436-7335 (internal extension 62346) or Teresa.workman@chickasaw.net.

For more information, visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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More than 6,500 visitors attended the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur, Okla., which featured two stages for music entertainment, more than 90 native artists and dozens of food vendors. *Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.*

Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen creates a portrait of fellow Chickasaw artist Joanna Underwood Blackburn during a live paint demonstration at the ARTesian Art Gallery during the arts festival. *Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.*

Brothers) Series.

Artesian Arts Festival participating artist Jim Trosper, a Chickasaw photographer, spent many hours preparing for the festival and was pleased with the positive reception.

"Preparing for this (Artesian Arts Festival) made me take my efforts to a new level," he said. "I wanted to bring photographs like no one has experienced before, and I think I accomplished that.

"The crowd is much larger than last year. The Chickasaws have been great to me. This festival is just going to keep getting better and better."

Crowds streamed through the Artesian Plaza area throughout the day. Some admired art in the dozens of artists' booths, while others sampled the many food booths or lingered near one of the two stages to enjoy musical acts or Native dancers. One Native dance group, the Pueblo Enchantment Dancers, traveled from New Mexico to participate in the festival.

Several artists were also demonstrating, sharing and discussing their craft in the ARTesian Art Gallery during "Art Talks." Renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen started the day's events with a live paint demonstration.

In addition, there was a special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth.

Food vendors served festival favorites including ice cream, cheese fries, onion burgers, barbecue, gumbo, snow cones, Indian tacos and kettle corn.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, or upcoming art exhibits or classes, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Cherokee artist Mike Dart with this entry "The Burdens We Carry," named "Best of Show" of the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival. The annual festival was May 28 in Sulphur, Okla. *Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.*

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serve branch commissioned the painting after the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed in 1995.

The two 7'x6' paintings were first envisioned as part of a project in 1994 by Mr. Larsen and his wife, Martha.

The Larsens were researching and capturing images of holy men – often called shamans – from each of Oklahoma's 39 federally-recognized tribes.

"A few of the tribes no longer had living holy men, so 36 paintings were completed," Mr. Larsen said.

"Cloud People" is the largest painting in the series.

Mr. Larsen was approached by the Oklahoma City Federal Reserve branch in summer 1995. "They made it clear that, in some way, they wanted to pay tribute and honor people who had lost their lives on April 19 of that year," the artist told a gathering of Oklahoma City and Kansas City Federal Reserve staff and executives June 2. Additionally, officials wanted to honor all of the families that were so affected.

"We had not yet painted a work on the Arapaho," Mr. Larsen said. "When I presented the idea of an Arapaho holy man wrapping his cloak around an extended family in an act of comfort and protection, it proved to be exactly what the Federal Reserve wanted. This painting expresses what we all were looking for – a little piece of mind."

DUAL PROJECTS

The Larsens are a team.

While Mr. Larsen's work – paintings and sculptures – are located throughout the world, Mrs. Larsen plays an important role in the success of each project the couple launches.

The Larsens have two volumes of work honoring Chickasaw elders.

"We visited them," Mr. Larsen said. "We got to know them. I took my sketch pad and Martha shot an average of 300 photographs per elder. We used two photographs to create each portrait."

The culmination of the effort was two books "They Know Who They Are" and "Proud to Be Chickasaw" featuring portraits of almost 50 Chickasaw elders painted by Mr. Larsen. Each is accompanied by a story written by Mrs. Larsen and award-winning Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour.

The portraits are displayed at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada and at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur. The books are available at Amazon and at the Chickasaw Press.

Larsen was commissioned by the State of Oklahoma to paint a 26-foot-long mural five internationally prominent Native American ballet dancers, all born in Oklahoma. The depiction was for the Capitol Rotunda.

He has painted eight murals for the Oklahoma Art Institute and six murals for the University of Oklahoma Donald W. Reynolds Performing Art Center and School of Dance.

The next project for the Larsens is in the planning stage. Its focus is Oklahoma history.

"There have been a lot of books and things like that on the history of Oklahoma, but we haven't done them," Mr. Larsen said. "We think it will be extremely interesting to explore all the differing perspectives of the topic artistically."

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Chickasaw people thrive regardless of challenges

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Change comes quickly in our modern world. And change is something with which the Chickasaw people are well acquainted.

Change can wash through almost any aspect of American society with great speed today. The rise of technology has accelerated communication throughout the country, and the world. In days not so long ago, it took days, weeks, or even longer for news to travel and be consumed by readers, listeners or viewers. But today, an event or an idea will move at lightning speed, and the reactions are most often quick and often impactful.

In our financial markets today, trades of millions of securities can happen in less than one second. An event that happens in Europe, Asia, or almost anywhere in the world, is reported in real time. In today's parlance, our world is shrinking.

What does this mean to us? In our modern age, it often seems we are just getting comfortable with some process or reality when change marches in to alter everything.

But that is really not new to us, the Chickasaw people. Throughout our history we have been confronted with obstacles that would have defeated most people.

Following our Removal in the 1830s, we settled in a new land that our ancestors had to develop from the ground up. Then, we endured the allotment and dissolution periods that sought to eliminate us as a historic tribe. And throughout the majority of the 20th Century, we faced one new challenge after another. And we came out the other side stronger, closer and more alive than ever!

We have persevered and are once again prosperous. Change is a constant the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people have faced with courage and success. And the changes we have weathered have, in many ways, helped hone our instincts. We understand change will come. It may be welcome, or it may not, but we are prepared to accept any challenge, meet it head-on and move forward!

Could Chickasaws a century ago have imagined what Chickasaws today are achieving? The Chickasaw Nation of 1916 looked much different than today. The people were maintaining their families, for the most part, at subsistence levels. There was virtually no opportunity for Chickasaws. The changes that had swept through virtually all of Indian country had created tremendous hardship and challenge.

But the people persevered. Chickasaws adapted to the changes and learned how to survive and even engage in new dimensions of work, family and life.

For Chickasaw people, balancing the demands of modern work and society with the traditions that define us has become the toughest test. We cherish our families and our relationships even as we are tugged by the demands of our modern world.

Even success has its challenges. Those are the challenges that today's Chickasaws will meet and overcome, as we always have.

From our tribe of warriors and hunters we have evolved into a modern tribe of innovation and achievement. We now live across the country and around the world, and we are tugged by world events.

For all the upheaval in the world, we will treasure our culture, our traditions and our families. We will always be strong, and proud to be Chickasaw!

Participation level doubles to nearly 400 children

Summer program numbers swell prompting reading initiative

ADA, Okla. - The word is out. The Chickasaw Nation School-Aged Summer Program is awesome! Dedicated staff, meaningful programs, Chickasaw Nation resources and commitment to improving lives makes the summer program a great spot for both children and parents.

"We have a unique opportunity to touch children's lives," program manager Chris Johnson said. "We want to create as many meaningful experiences as we can."

ChickasawKids.com mascot Ofi encourages kids to read during a Summer Reading Initiative rally at Glenwood School in Ada. Almost 400 children, all Chickasaw or children of Chickasaw employees, are engaged in the tribe's summer reading program.

This summer enrollment numbers have nearly doubled compared to previous years.

"We didn't know our final numbers until the last minute," Mr. Johnson said. "Our staff had a few days to equip and set up five additional classrooms. Our staff has worked hard and pulled it together."

Mr. Johnson and his team took on the challenge with enthusiasm. Eager to find more resources to provide a meaningful experience, they started with the Ada Public Library. Library director Jolene Poore jumped at the chance to partner with the Chickasaw Nation School-Aged Summer Program and offer children the Summer Reading Initiative.

Ada Public Library's children's librarian, Debbie Welchel, introduced the Summer Reading Initiative at two "reading rallies" to kick of the program May 31. The reading program encourages kids to exercise their minds by reading over summer break. As timed reading goals are met, participants receive incentives. Mr. Johnson's ultimate goal is to help each child obtain a library card, to highlight the benefits of library use, and to encourage families to use the library and read year-round.

"Reading is important year-round but it's especially important is the summer when kids are out of school," Ms. Welchel said. "The summer reading program encourages kids to explore books and reading. Developing a lifelong love for reading begins with enjoying it at a young age and probably one of the most important things you can do to encourage children to be successful."

Programs like Summer Reading Initiative are critically important during a time of serious budget cutting by the Oklahoma Legislature. The local school district was required to cut its budget. One area that took a hit was the elementary summer school program.

But now kids have a great place to read, have fun and make an enjoyable summer.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jennifer Jones, Media Relations.

Junior Chickasaw bull rider to compete at World Rodeo Championship

Tyriese Higdon has a fever that can't be cured with a doctor's prescription, bedrest or a mother's tender touch. In fact, the only treatment available for the 7-year-old Chickasaw boy is something quite opposite those usual remedies. His cure-all is a six-second ride on 300 lbs. of bucking thunder.

Tyriese is a rodeo bull rider and an extraordinarily good one. So good, he's headed to the world championships to compete at the highest level in that discipline Aug. 3-6 in Abilene, Texas.

The second-grade student at Francis Elementary in Francis, Oklahoma is a member of the Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association through Ward Rodeo Company in Coalgate, Oklahoma. He claimed first prize in the 2016 OJRA finals where he won a saddle and an OJRA buckle for all-around rider, which opened the door for an invitation to the big show.

Tyriese will be competing against 350 of the best youth bull riders from across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Australia for the title of World Champion. Over $90,000 in cash and other prizes will be awarded.

David Higdon, Tyriese's father, said it all started the first time Tyriese and his younger brother, Tyrell (who also rides), saw their dad tumble to the ground after a bull ride.

"I came off a bull at Ken Lance Arena and hit the ground," Mr. Higdon said.

As he stood up to dust himself off he saw his sons standing virtually right in front of him staring wide-eyed on the other side of the fence.

"I think that's where they got the fever," he said.

Since they don't live on a ranch, Mr. Higdon built a bucking barrel apparatus in their front yard in Francis. The contraption simulates what a bull might do when attempting to dislodge an unwelcome rider.

"I have to be on the other end working it," Mr. Higdon said. Practice is usually 2-3 hours a day after school and work.

On weekends, they enter rodeos. Rides are scored based on young riders being able to last the entire six seconds on top of a calf.

"As long as he makes it to the whistle with his free hand in the air, he's still on the animal, nothing is touching the ground and his hand is still in the rope, he's got a chance of winning," Mr. Higdon said of Tyriese's chances of bringing home the top prize.

How much the bull kicks also plays into the scoring.

"It's 50 percent on the animal and 50 percent on the rider," he said.

Tyriese admits a bit of anxiety when he mounted his first animal in competition.

"I was a little afraid," he said.

That ride landed him in the dirt. Today he has a buck-off rate of only five percent, which means his rides are successful 95 percent of the time.

Mr. Higdon said Tyriese showed early signs of being a natural at the sport.

"I'm not half the cowboy he is," he said. "I don't say that because he's my kid. I say that because the kid is good. He loves rodeo. He loves being a cowboy. He loves riding."

Junior Chickasaw bull rider, Tyriese Higdon, 7, of Francis, Okla., is headed to the world championships to compete at the highest level in that discipline in Abilene, Texas, Aug. 3-6.

It turns out the lonely cowboy life is more than just the stuff of western movies and country songs. In a way, young Tyriese has already experienced it. He got home from school one afternoon and said, "Dad, I'm the only cowboy in my school."

Mr. Higdon asked him if he wanted to change and perhaps get involved with more traditional urban sports. "No," he said. "I like being me."

For Tyriese Higdon, it's the cowboy way.

CONTRIBUTED BY Loné Beasley, Media Relations.

Gov. Anoatubby encourages entrepreneurship

Students build businesses, marketing fundamentals during annual Oklahoma Business Week at ECU

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby encouraged students to pursue their dreams with confidence and passion during his keynote address to Oklahoma Business Week participants June 6 at East Central University in Ada.

Oklahoma and Texas students engaged in the weeklong event on the university's campus to compete for $15,000 in scholarships and other prizes. Professional business mentors helped the budding entrepreneurs by guiding them as they formed their companies, decided on leadership responsibilities and designed and marketed their simulated products.

Students formed company teams, created new products, delivered commercials, launched marketing campaigns, made boardroom presentations, put on a trade show in front of business leaders and performed mock interviews with human resource professionals.

Gov. Anoatubby told students no matter how each team placed in the final competition, all were winners.

"You've come away from this experience a winner because you've developed and evolved as a person and as a potential entrepreneur, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Most of all, I hope you came away from this week inspired. I hope this experience has given you a vision for your future. I hope it lit a spark deep inside you that you might kindle and turn into a bright burning flame."

Serving the Chickasaw people, Gov. Anoatubby said, was his passion and had given his life meaning.

"It has given my life purpose. For you, your purpose might be to help develop a clean energy alternative, or a medicine that cures cancer, or to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 company."

Back row from left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Ryan Riddle, Barak Segura, Joshua Barns, Alivia Williams, Dustin Foskey, Ethan Jones and Trevor Clark. Front row from left, Justin Palmer, Lauren Sandersfield, Sydney Marris, Tyler Madison, Bailee McCurdy, Jessica Ingram, Brooke Colungo, Kelly Jesse, Kayln Neighbors and Alexus Noble.

Gov. Anoatubby encouraged students to pursue their dreams with confidence and to be prepared when opportunity knocks.

"Be ready to open the door wide and embrace the possibilities of doing something great. If this week has taught you anything, it has taught you that you are capable of achieving great things.

"You're capable of taking the skills you've acquired and applying them to something you really believe in, something you are passionate about in life.

"Besides learning about business this week, many of you learned more about yourselves. And having to work with others - that's really what makes Oklahoma Business Week such a great event. It inspires personal excellence and helps develop both business and life skills."

Sydney Marris, a Chickasaw student from Aledo, Texas, was surprised by how much she knew about the inner workings of the business world.

"I thought I wouldn't know anything about business, and I would be the oddball," Miss Marris said. "I have come out of my shell since coming here Sunday. I would definitely come back next year as an advanced leader."

Miss Marris served as a team spokesperson at the mock trade market. She put her new skills to work, pitching the idea of her team's company to community business professionals posing as potential investors.

She said she loved getting to know her teammates during her week at ECU. Her experience at Oklahoma Business Week, she said, would come in handy in business marketing and finance classes she is enrolled in for the fall.

Miss Marris said she would like to become a physical therapist and eventually open her own practice.

Chickasaw students participating in the camp were Justin Palmer, Lauren Sandersfield, Sydney Marris, Tyler Madison, Bailee McCurdy, Jessica Ingram, Brooke Colungo, Kelly Jesse, Kayln Neighbors, Alexus Noble, Ryan Riddle, Barak Segura, Joshua Barns, Alivia Williams, Dustin Foskey, Ethan Jones and Trevor Clark.

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'Bricks' exhibit on display at Cultural Center through August

SULPHUR, Okla. - "IKBI: Build with Toy Bricks," is on display at the Chickasaw Cultural Center now through Sept. 11. Admission to the exhibit is free.

The exhibit features art created entirely out of toy bricks. Visitors will enjoy hands-on activities as well as browse original Chickasaw designs. Adaptations of famous characters such as those found in the "Angry Birds" game are also available for viewing.

The exhibit showcases Native American art in a child-friendly, interactive, colorful way. The expressions range from murals built of bricks to a life-size car.

Cherokee artist Ryan Ringle used a unique blend of illustration and construction to craft four Chickasaw-themed brick art mosaics.

In his mosaics, Mr. Ringle depicts the Tashka (warrior), Bak Bak (woodpecker), Tanchi' (corn) and Itti' kapochcha to'li' (traditional game of stickball). Each represents an aspect of Chickasaw culture, such as the warrior spirit, the gift of music, living in harmony with the land and traditional diplomacy.

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy helped with the development of the exhibit. On display are LEGO robots and models built by Chickasaw students for robotics competitions.

The STEM Academy's high school robotics teams are also present with larger robots weighing up to 120 pounds.

One of the more popular aspects of the exhibit is its car racing station. Visitors build cars and race them down tracks, using gravity and different car body models to compete.

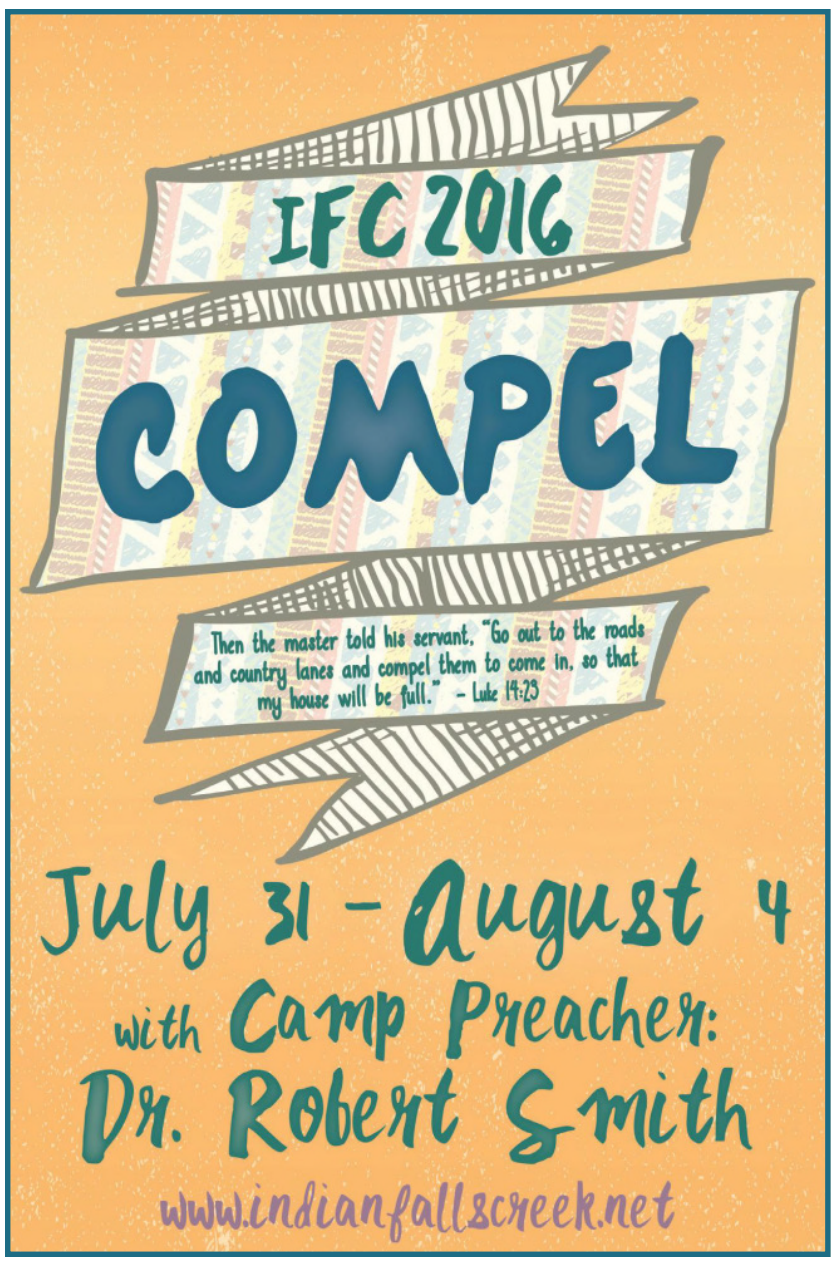
The City of Greeley (CO) Museums loaned some of the art displayed at the IKBI exhibit.

Additionally, the Heard Museum of Native Cultures and Art in Phoenix loaned the Chickasaw Cultural Center the "Angry Birds" mosaic and the "Desert Cruiser" life-size building brick model.

Near the Ikbi exhibit, visitors can also experience the Ofi Tohbi exhibit which shares the story of the "Big White Dog and the Sacred Pole" through artist renderings and hands-on activities. The exhibit will be on display until May 27.

In addition to showcasing Native American art, the IKBI exhibit at the Chickasaw Cultural Center offers interactive and hands-on building with blocks so visitors can form their own creations.

The Cultural Center is at 867 Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur. For more information on Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrations and exhibits, call (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.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Colbert, Moroney, Flansburg, Gerry Brisco, Jack Brisco

Five inducted into Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Class of 2016

NORMAN, Okla. – A diverse group of esteemed Chickasaw citizens was added to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame during June 21 ceremonies at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Governor Bill Anoatubby led induction ceremonies for Lynn Moroney, the late George Dixie Colbert, Dr. Margaret Flansburg, Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie "Jack" Brisco into the prestigious circle of honor.

"Each Hall of Fame induction ceremony is special in its own way," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This year, the wide range of personal and professional accomplishments of our inductees demonstrates the versatility of our people.

"From professional wrestlers to college professors and artists to attorneys, our inductees' tremendous array of talent proves that Chickasaws can do just about anything. Along with showing a great diversity of skills as a group, tonight's inductees also exhibit an extraordinary versatility as individuals.

"We celebrate our inductees for their great range of accomplishments and their noteworthy contributions. And we recognize how inspirational they are to future generations of Chickasaws. Congratulations to tonight's honorees and their families."

A celebrated storyteller, Lynn Moroney, of Wilmette, Illinois, has positively influenced several Chickasaw storytellers through the tapestry of storytelling.

She worked with Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington creating a NASA Outreach project which involves storytelling. As director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, she researched, developed and presented programs on Native American sky stories and histories.

Born in Duncan, Okla., she founded two statewide storytelling workshops and volunteered numerous hours to the planetarium and Oklahoma City Arts Council.

"The art of traditional storytelling is important for the preservation of our cultural identity," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Mrs. Lynn Moroney, through telling our traditional stories, has maintained a living history from time immemorial.

"Through mentoring other Chickasaw storytellers, she has ensured that our heritage continues to thrive. For all her work educating future generations in space science and the art of storytelling, the Chickasaw Nation thanks you."

Ms. Moroney said she was humbled, prideful and honored to receive the Hall of Fame recognition.

"This is absolutely the most wonderful thing," she said. "Mostly, I feel grateful for such an honor."

Connecting her legacy with legendary Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata's, she said, was humbling.

Te Ata mentored Ms. Moroney in the art of native storytelling.

"She was beautiful inside and out and was so gracious to me."

The late George Dixie Colbert was known as a man of integrity who dedicated his life to service to his country, family, the judiciary and the Chickasaw Nation.

In his teens, Mr. Colbert began boxing to earn grocery money, eventually earning titles as two-time Gold Glove champion and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) champion.

After serving in World War II, he committed his life to servant-leadership and the law. Appointed county attorney in Murray County, Oklahoma in 1954, he was elected associate district judge and later district judge for the 20th Judicial District.

He served as associate district judge with honor and integrity until his death in 1980.

"Mr. George Dixie Colbert, was an athlete, a soldier, a scholar, an attorney, a judge and a proud Chickasaw, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Judge Colbert's commitment to his family, his community and the Chickasaw Nation still echoes today through the service of his children. We honor his memory and his lifetime of service."

Judge Colbert's son, Stephen, accepted the award on behalf of the six Colbert siblings.

"Power, strength and love is always on the forefront of our memory of our father," Mr. Colbert said. "In addition, he had pride in everything; proud to be an American, proud to be an Oklahoman, proud to be a member of his community, and very proud of his family and very proud to be a Chickasaw.

"I want to thank the Chickasaw Nation for this wonderful tribute to my father."

Dr. Margaret Flansburg had a distinguished career as an artist and scholar of art history and the humanities.

Dr. Flansburg served as a full professor at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) for over 20 years. Upon retirement in 2001, she was awarded emeritus professor status at UCO.

Active in the Oklahoma City community, Dr. Flansburg served many years on several arts foundation boards.

Born in Duncan, Okla., Dr. Flansburg has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage and family and has passed her pride along to her children and grandchildren.

"Dr. Margret Flansburg, as a painter, a professor and a philanthropist, demonstrates great versatility and reminds us that Chickasaws have a great aptitude for artistic and scholastic endeavors, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Her philanthropic efforts continue to promote the arts and enrich people's lives. We recognize Dr. Flansburg for pursuing her passion and sharing her knowledge, expertise and the joy of art with so many."

Dr. Flansburg said she was honored and humbled by the honor, and proud to be among her Burris family members inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

"I love connecting with the Chickasaw Nation," she said. "This has enriched my life and I am grateful for this honor. Thank you so very much."

Described as two of the greatest wrestlers of all time, siblings Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco were instrumental in laying the foundation for what became World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

The duo brought enormous honor to the Chickasaw Nation through their achievements as Native American wrestlers.

As young men, both were awarded wrestling scholarships to Oklahoma State University.

The late Jack Brisco was a two-time National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) Heavyweight Champion and a multi-time Tag Team Champion with his brother.

In 1965, Jack became the first Native American to win a NCAA Wrestling National Championship while wrestling at Oklahoma State.

Jack died Feb. 1, 2010, leaving one of the most remarkable legacies in wrestling history.

Jack's daughter, Deborah Brisco-Whatley accepted the honor.

"I am truly honored, along with my siblings, to accept this award for our dad," she said. "If he were here, he would want to thank his mother, Iona Brisco. She is our bloodline to the Chickasaw Nation. She was proud to be Native American and she was my dad and uncle's biggest fan."

An all-around exceptional athlete at Oklahoma State, Gerry Brisco was a member of the 1968 National Championship team.

During his professional wresting career, he won more than 20 championships, and one Junior Heavyweight World Championship belt. He and his brother Jack also won three Tag Team World titles.

Upon retirement, he worked to help make WWE a global business and was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2006.

"Today, Gerry Brisco uses that success and his experience as an athlete to help the next generation of young Native American athletes attend wrestling camps," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He is also a tireless advocate for the recognition of Native Americans as a sovereign Nation in the Olympic Games.

"For the Briscos' inspiration to Native American athletes and work in securing international recognition of Native American sovereignty, we thank you."

Upon accepting the Hall of Fame medallion from Gov. Anoatubby, Gerry Brisco also honored his Chickasaw mother, Iona, his brother, Jack and his Chickasaw heritage.

"There has never been anything in our lives we have cherished more than our heritage," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude for the Chickasaw Hall of Fame recognition.

"Tonight is the greatest honor I have ever received."

During the June 21 ceremonies, former speaker of the Oklahoma House T.W. Shannon served as master of ceremonies. Chickasaw musician Zac Garcia provided entertainment.

More than 600 people attended the ceremonies.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, with 2016 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees and family members at June 21 induction ceremonies conducted in Norman, Okla. Five esteemed Chickasaws were added to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, including Lynn Moroney, Dr. Margaret Flansburg, the late George Dixie Colbert, Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie "Jack" Brisco. Pictured with Gov. Anoatubby, from left, are Deborah Brisco-Whatley, daughter of Jack Brisco, Gerry Brisco, Lynn Moroney, Dr. Margaret Flansburg, Stephen Colbert, son of George Dixie Colbert and Lt. Gov. Keel. *Photo by: Marcy A. Gray.*

About the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame

In 1987 the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor.

Granite plaques honoring Hall of Fame members are on permanent display in the Honor Garden at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Dr., Sulphur, Okla.

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Foundation awards Spring Scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation has recently announced the 2016 Spring recipients of the Computercraft Corporation Scholarship, Ithana (Education) Scholarship, James and Carolee Cundiff Grants, Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship, The Chickasaw Nation Ada Wellness Program Scholarship and the Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship.

Alexander Shea is the recipient of the Computercraft Corporation Scholarship. He is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in petroleum engineering.

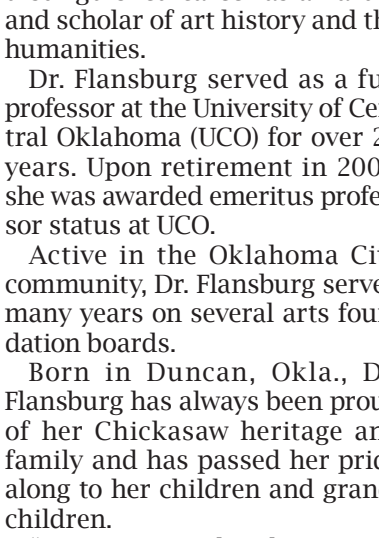
Kelsey Wells is the recipient of Ithana (Education) Scholarship. She is a freshman music education major at the University of Houston.

Matthew Henry is the recipient of the James & Carolee Cundiff Grants. He is a sophomore business major at East Central University.

Sha Ingram is the recipient of the Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship. She is a freshman business administration major at Oklahoma City University.

Jeremy Beshirs is the recipient of The Chickasaw Nation Ada Wellness Program Scholarship. He is a sophomore kinesiology major at Ouachita Baptist University.

Brooke Marion is the recipient of the Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship. She is a junior criminal justice major at Nichols College.



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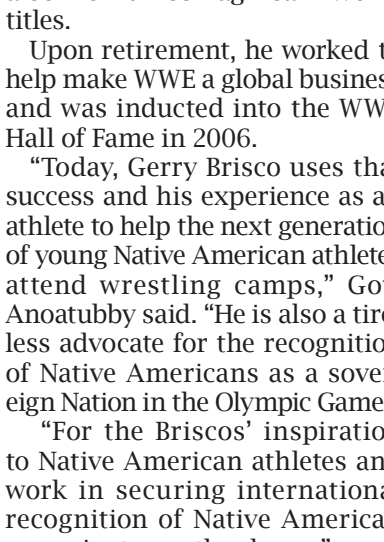

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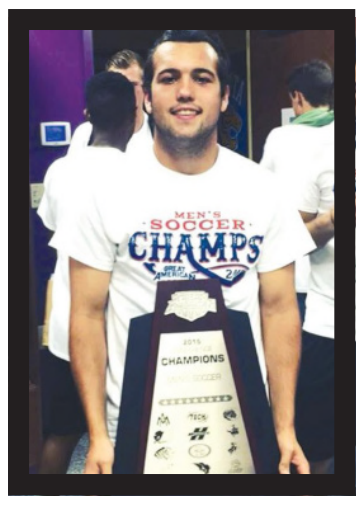

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'I Love My Child' family fun day set for Aug. 6

ADA, Okla. - Mark your calendar for the Chickasaw Nation's annual "I Love My Child" Family Fun Day event, set for 9 a.m. through noon Saturday, Aug. 6 at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

The event will feature a number of family-friendly attractions, games, demonstrations and activities. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

Every year, the Chickasaw Nation hosts "I Love My Child" Family Fun Day to celebrate children and families, and to shed light on the importance of non-custodial parents fulfilling child support obligations.

For more information regarding Child Support Awareness month or Child Support Services, call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Language Club meets Aug. 2, Sept. 2

Chipota Chikashshanompoli Youth Speaking Chickasaw Language Club is currently accepting members. Meetings take place monthly from 6-8 p.m.

Members learn the Chickasaw language through songs and activities.

Meals will be provided at each meeting. Meeting dates are Aug. 2 and Sept. 2.

For more information, contact Teresa Workman (580) 272-5318.

Chickasaw West citizens welcoming during Santee Lakes, Calif., gathering

Hello Chickasaw Citizens,

Well the busy summer has started off in full force. I hope everyone is enjoying time with family and friends and trying to stay cool.

Speaking of family and friends, I recently had the privilege of attending the Chickasaw West Annul gathering and picnic. Sharon Tandy and her group always make us feel welcome and this time was no exception. We shared Chickasaw stories, great food and fellowship.

CONNIE BARKER
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The weather was perfect and the picnic area at Santee Lakes is always so inviting. I would like to thank the members of Chickasaw West for the warm welcome and fun times.

New and exciting things are happening within the Chickasaw Nation and services remains our number one priority. There is a wide range of services for our citizens to take part in and use, from many Elders programs all the way down to our youngest little citizens, our youth.

I ask you to contact you district representative is you have questions or concerns; we are here to serve you.

Chickasaw West Annul gathering and picnic at Santee Lakes.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Pickens District Representative.

Legislative Chair,
Connie Barker
Seat 2

Nominations now open for 'Dynamic Woman of the Year' candidates

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you?

We love to give honor and recognition to those who have lived their lives well, not only being successful in their professional lives, but also making a difference in the lives of those around them. One way we honor Chickasaw women is by selecting one woman each year to carry the title of Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year. This award was established ten years ago, specifically, to honor Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, by serving as role models to other Chickasaw women, by making a difference in the lives of others, and enriching their communities and society at large. Nominations are now being accepted with a deadline of August 5. The honoree will be announced at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, held at the Cultural Center during the week of Annual Meeting. Any Chickasaw woman, age 35 and older, who is not currently employed by the Nation or serving in an elected position with the Nation is eligible to be nominated.

NANCY ELLIOTT
Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

"The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation. It's been stated that women considered for this award are distinguished pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and sustain Chickasaw values, culture, and traditions."

This year's honoree will join the ranks of the following Dynamic Women: Lisa J. Billy, Oklahoma State Representative; Dr. Judy L. Oliva, playwright; Steffani Cochran, attorney; Mildred Blackmon, health director; Dr. Tina Cooper, medical doctor; Dr. Teresa Shavney, first woman surgeon in Oklahoma City; Ellen Brooker, educator; Dr. Shannon Speed, educator and author; Dr. Karen Goodnight, owner of Goodnight & Associates; and Mary Ruth Barnes, artist and author.

We are so blessed as a Nation to have many successful women, who are willing to help others and give of themselves, tirelessly, in order to make their communities and our Nation better. Thank you to all of the above named dynamic women! You continue to give of yourselves, and we appreciate you all.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Dynamic Woman of the Year award, someone who exemplifies the above listed qualities, then you can visit our website, www.chickasaw.net, for more information and a nomination form, or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580)-272-5520.

Please let me know if I can help you in anyway.

Chi pisa la cho anowa, Until I see you again,

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Opportunity to serve Tishomingo District Chickasaws a real honor

Chokma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You for giving me the honor to serve as your Chickasaw Tribal Legislator of the Tishomingo District for another term.

During the last few months, I have enjoyed meeting and talking with citizens of the Tishomingo District by phone, in person, by letter and through social media.

TIM COLBERT
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I have visited with people from Johnston and Murray County, as well as citizens who live throughout the United States, about their ideas, needs and input on what would help us serve our citizens better.

Your input, thoughts and vision have inspired me to work hard to achieve as many as these ideas as possible.

Working together, we can and will accomplish these goals and continue to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature and fortunately, being unopposed for the office.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Tribal businesses continue to display healthy growth, returns

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2016

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.7 million for the month and $33.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $11.3 million for the month and $91.8 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through May 31, 2016 totaled $918.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $219.2 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $100.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2016, the tribal government funds had $374.0 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $23.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $248.9 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of May 31, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $2.28 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	14,615,264	918,655,928	933,271,192
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government		118,700,286	(118,700,286)	-
Total Funds Available		133,315,550	799,955,642	933,271,192
Expenditures				
General Government		4,775,998	-	4,775,998
Legislature		1,966,294	-	1,966,294
Judiciary		771,974	-	771,974
Education		15,366,634	-	15,366,634
Heritage Preservation		16,033,150	-	16,033,150
Health		13,591,287	-	13,591,287
Youth Services		2,662,847	-	2,662,847
Family Services		9,306,322	-	9,306,322
Nutrition Programs		4,523,492	-	4,523,492
Regulatory		7,774,954	-	7,774,954
Assistance Programs		15,050,614	-	15,050,614
Gaming Expense		-	525,838,655	525,838,655
Other Businesses' Expense		-	173,600,203	173,600,203
Total Expenditures		91,823,566	699,438,859	791,262,425
Increase In Net Assets		41,491,984	100,516,783	142,008,768
Beginning Net Assets		818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending Net Assets	$	860,130,303	1,422,956,044	2,283,086,346

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
May 31, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	$	374,009,414	248,953,855	622,963,270
Receivables		13,576,082	138,361,780	151,937,861
Inventory		(2,429)	7,067,709	7,065,281
Prepaid Expenses		-	20,433,087	20,433,087
Other Assets		-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets		475,409,917	1,145,666,027	1,621,075,945
Less Payables		(2,862,682)	(138,604,553)	(141,467,235)
Net Assets	$	860,130,303	1,422,956,044	2,283,086,346

Sovereignty Symposium a great event focused on Indian law and rights

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. June is the month for the Sovereign Symposium and Red Earth Pow Wow and Festival. Since this is my last year on the Legislature, I figured that this would be my last time to attend the Symposium. The Symposium was created in 1988 as an annual event and I have been to many of them. But I think this was the best Symposium ever. All persons interested in Indian law are welcomed.

Sovereign Symposium is the brainchild of Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices Yvonne Kauger, Rudolph Hargrave, Hardy Summers and others. Attorney and long-time legal assistant to Justice Kauger Julie Rorie has been the Director for many years and does a wonderful job. The Symposium provides an opportunity for experts to give lectures and provide workshops to attorneys, students and tribal officials who are interested or practice in the field of Federal Indian law. Subject matters cover the entire range of legal, economic, historical and cultural issues impacting Indian country. Many important national and international persons attend and participate. This year's keynote addresses were given by Karen Bell, British Consul-General and Suzan Shown Harjo, noted Native American activist and President of the Morning Star Institute.

Festivities are always begun with a parade of the flags of the 39 federally-registered Indian tribes in Oklahoma. Four Chiefs of the Kiowa Black Leggings Society brought in the American colors. Our Chickasaw flag was carried by Legislator Steve Woods accompanied by Lt. Governor Keel. The Cheyenne Peace Chief gave a ceremonial prayer and a clergyman gave a Christian prayer in the Seminole language. An Indian drum provided the appropriate honor songs. It is a very nice touch to combine Indian culture with the solemn business of Federal Indian law. I will always remember this Sovereignty Symposium and I hope that you can attend one some time. It's always held the two days before Red Earth in Oklahoma City.

My seat on the Legislature will be occupied on October 1 by Lisa Johnson Billy, former Oklahoma State Representative and former Chickasaw Legislator. Lisa ran for my seat unopposed and was declared the winner. We are all excited to have her bring her well-known enthusiasm and energy as well as her vast wealth of experience back to the Legislature. I know that you will give her the grand support that you have given me over my tenure in office.

Just because I am retiring on October 1 doesn't mean that I am going completely away, however. I will continue to be with you, enjoy your company and camaraderie, and help you as much as I can. My contact numbers will remain the same as they are listed in this Chickasaw Times and I will share my new email address when I get one.

As always, I would love to hear from you. Chi ihullo li! Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala'cho!

Lots of summer visits with California, Oklahoma citizens at gatherings

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Last month I barely scratched the surface on the Love Family. There are so many branches off that original tree! One of these days I shall return to the "Love Family Connection". Recently, I had the chance to attend the Chickasaw West meeting held in Santee, CA. It was a beautiful day and all who attended were blessed to be there. This particular council has been around for many years. It is interesting to see the babies of yesteryear for they are now young adults! Time marches on. Thank you to all that participated in the Santee Picnic. Sharon and Bob, many accolades to you for your hard work and vision to keep this event happening year after year!

In mid-June, Tulsa, Oklahoma was the location for a Chickasaw Meeting. It was a nice time to fellowship with other Chickasaws who lived around the Tulsa Area. There is a Facebook page for those of you who want to be in the know on this group and when they meet. Summer is a busy time for everyone. Many events are happening with the Chickasaw Nation. To stay involved, read the Times, visit the website: www.chickasaw.net or make a phone call to your elected officials. Remember Tribal voting is once again in action this summer! Let me encourage all Chickasaws to participate!

This month, the Panola District spotlight is on Mr. Chance Wimberley. Chance is the son of Frank and Karlita Wimberley of Colbert, Oklahoma. He is the great grandson of original enrollee, Mary Potts Swindell; original enrollee, Thomas Duckworth and a descendant of James Logan Colbert. Chance is a 2016 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts and History and a minor in Political Science. Recently, he was accepted into the 2016 Summer Policy Institute, a program of the Oklahoma Policy Institute. According to the Institute, SPI brings together more than 50 highly-qualified undergraduate and graduate students for an exciting and stimulating 4 day learning experience involving a combination of seminars, panels, workshops and keynote addresses involving leading policy experts from government, academia and community organizations. Subjects include Oklahoma's legislative process, state budget and taxes, education, poverty and opportunity, and more. Congratulations Chance! FYI on July 23, 2016 at 11:30am there will be a gathering of James Logan Colbert Descendants. The gathering will take place at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. For more information contact Mr. Chance Wimberley at c74733@gmail.com or call (580) 230-0418.

Chance Wimberly is a 2016 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts and History and a minor in Political Science.

"The way of the Lord is strength for upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity". Proverbs 10:29

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Tribe offers many ways to become connected with Chickasaw culture

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is a very hot time in Oklahoma, as it always is in the summer, and I imagine it is hot almost everywhere Chickasaws live in this great country!

It's always a good experience to talk to a fellow Chickasaw who lives far from our new homeland here. Many of the citizens I talk with are seeking some type of assistance with one program or another. It might be housing, education, health care, or something as simple as a ride to an appointment. Whatever the reason, I welcome the opportunity to serve.

I have noticed over the past several years more and more of the calls I receive regard our tribal history, culture and traditions. It is obvious to me Chickasaws very much want to make that important connection to their tribe.

When a Chickasaw lives in a far-off place, the connection can become strained. Many times, a Chickasaw may live in an area where there are no fellow citizens, or even any other Indian people. That situation can sometimes give rise to a feeling of being disconnected, of not feeling part of the family.

I am here to help you not only make that connection with the Chickasaw Nation, but grow and strengthen it!

Most Chickasaws know we have a number of Community Councils across the country. These councils serve as hubs for sharing information, learning more about the tribe, and just enjoying the fellowship of being with other Chickasaws. If you have not been to a Community Council meeting in your area, plan to go soon! You'll be glad you did.

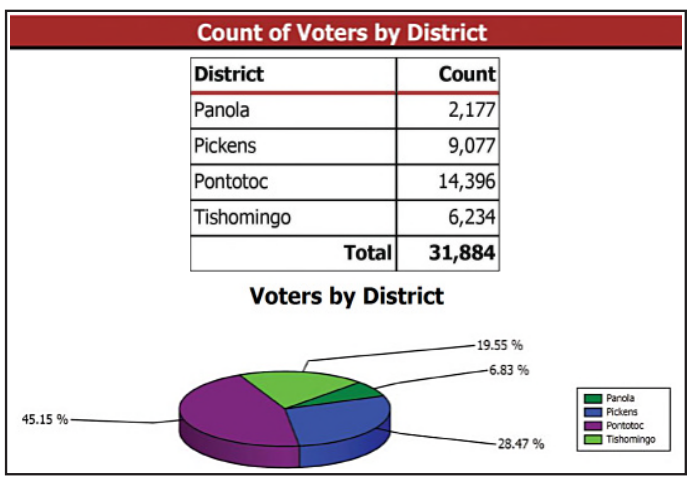
If you have that deep pull to become closer with the Chickasaw Nation (and most of us do!), please give me a call and we will get you in touch with an organizer or contact who will help you.

We have wonderful programs in heritage preservation, Chickasaw culture and history, traditions and much more. I hope you will take advantage of these. I want you to be connected in every way possible!

The Chickasaw Nation is a unique and wonderful tribe, full of great experiences for you. You don't have to make a special trip (although we hope you will!). We will reach out to you with all the energy we have to ensure you are not only connected to your tribe, but are experiencing all the great treasures your culture offers!

I hope you are having a great summer enjoying family, friends and maybe even a little leisure! Please let me know how I can help you. I am here to serve you, regardless of where you live in America!

Best wishes,
Linda Briggs



Count of Voters by District

District	Count
Panola	2,177
Pickens	9,077
Pontotoc	14,396
Tishomingo	6,234
Total	31,884

2015-2016 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Birthday

Virginia Hiawatha Hull James

Virginia Hull is celebrating her 100th birthday! She was born June 14, 1916 at Maysville, Okla. She is the great-greatgranddaughter of Ala-Teecha, who is the mother of Smith Paul. Smith Paul is the founder of Pauls Valley, Okla., and the father of Sippi Paul Hull. Sippi is the mother of Jessie Hull, who married Ella Bishop on April 4, 1915, who are the parents of Virginia Hiawatha Hull.

Virginia Hull married the late Austin H. James. They had two boys, William D. James and Clifford A. James. Clifford is married to Laura Breitkreutz; William was married to the late Sharon K. Decker. She has four grandchildren, Jeff James, Chad James, Tami (James) Wright, and Kent James; eight great-grandchildren, Desiree, Ashton, Nathan, Caleb; and Terrance, Seth, Maddy, and Gary; and one great-great-grandchild, Noah Ailey.

Virginia enjoys working at home, gardening, canning, cooking, sewing, and quilting. She loves her children and grandchildren, and holidays are always a great time at her house, building memories we can all cherish. More recently, her declining health has restricted her from these activities.

Graduations

Alice Ames

Alice Ames, 6, Chickasaw, recently graduated from kindergarten at Homer Elementary. She is the daughter of proud father, Dustin Ames.

Cyrus Bear

Cyrus Bear, 5, Chickasaw, recently graduated from Chickasaw Nation Headstart. He is the son of proud parents, L'tisha and Chester Bear.

Kassidy Brown

Kassidy Brown, 5, Chickasaw, recently graduated from Chickasaw Nation Headstart. She is the granddaughter of proud grandparents, Carol and Jim Reed.

Dalton James McClain

Dalton McClain, Chickasaw, is a 2016 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. He is the son of proud parent, Glenda Brown.

Taylor Dale Edgar

Taylor Dale Edgar graduated from East Central University in Ada, Okla. with honors. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

Taylor is the daughter of Steven and Stacy Edgar, of Sulphur.

She currently works at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center.

Graduations

Stephen Paul Hunter III

Stephen Paul Hunter III is a 2016 graduate of Graham High School, Graham, Texas. He is the son of Stephen and Rachel Hunter, also of Graham. Stephen is a descendent of the second governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Winchester Colbert.

Throughout high school, Stephen participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, University Interscholastic League (UIL) events, and was a member of the school¹s Technology Student Association (TSA). In 2015, he was recognized by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. During his senior year, he was awarded Honorable Mention by Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) as an Academic All-State Team player. He graduated with a 3.5 GPA. Stephen excelled in golf, football and basketball for the high school.

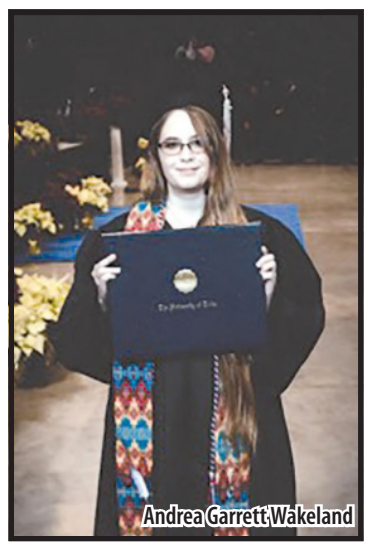
He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the spring of 2017 and will major in business management.

Jaynee Brett Bell

Jaynee Brett Bell is a 2016 graduate of Westlake High School, Austin, Texas. She is the daughter of Brett and Denise Bell, granddaughter of Paul and Karla Bell, great-granddaughter of Ruth Jane (Maytubby) Bell, and great-great-granddaughter of Elihu B. Maytubby, former governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Jaynee is a member of the United States Equestrian Federation and is a 4-year Varsity Equestrian. She is also the recipient of the President's Service Award for completing over 400 hours of volunteer work with Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas throughout her high school career.

Jaynee plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in marketing.


Andrea Garrett Wakeland

The family of Andrea Garrett Wakeland, 23, proudly announces her graduation from The University of Tulsa on December 19, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management Information Systems. We also congratulate her on landing her first full-time job as an Associate IT Programmer Analyst with Omnitracs Corps in Dallas, Texas which began on January 4, 2016.

Andrea was born in Dallas to Gabrielle Rodke Garrett and Carl Kittredge Wakeland in March 1993 and spent her first four years of life in Austin, Texas. Andrea grew up and attended public schools in Scotts Valley, California from 1997 – 2011 before attending University of Tulsa in Oklahoma. She achieved the Gold Award in Girl Scouts the summer of 2011, and is an avid fan of computer games, anime, Japanese cooking and culture, reading, archery and cats.

Andrea is a descendant of Winchester Colbert, second governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the granddaughter of Vera Pauline Rodke, niece of Pamela Rodke Filipelli, both living in Ada, Okla. Her great-grandfather was Benjamin Paul Rodke, and great aunt was Marie Rodke Bailey. Andrea is also a close cousin of Elizabeth Rodke Washburn and Kevin Washburn, of Alburquerque, N.M.

Our family is very appreciative of the assistance given to our daughter by the Chickasaw Nation over the past four years. We are also are very appreciative of the support and guidance of the University of Tulsa faculty and staff and Collins College of Business to help enable Andrea to reach this stepping stone in her life.

Michaela Hazlett

In June, Michaela Hazlett, daughter of Kymberly and Tom Hazlett, and granddaughter of Gloria Factor and Peggy Hazlett, will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and Nutrition with a specialization in dietetics from the University of Central Washington in Ellensburg, Wash.

While in school Michaela was a 4-year letterman on the CWU softball team. In her freshman year she was chosen to the GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference) All Conference 2nd Team, and she was also elected to the GNAC All-Academic Team her sophomore through senior year. This year their team was the GNAC conference and tournament Champions, and the NCAA DII Regional 2 winners. This is the furthest their school or conference team has advanced in post season play. Michaela also broke the school record for stolen bases.

Before beginning her career as a dietician, Michaela will travel to Uganda, Africa with FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). The group will travel to 10 orphanages and will teach soccer, volleyball, and Bible classes.

Thank You

The family of DAVID BETHUNE would like to express our thanks and deepest gratitude to Governor Bill Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Nation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chickasaw Agency, and friends for all the love, kindness, and support during the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

The food and flowers were deeply appreciated.

May God's blessing always be with you.

~Kathy Bethune and Family

Congratulations

Mike Crossley

NEWCASTLE, Okla. – Mike Crossley's boys' baseball team picked up career wins 600, 601 and 602 thus far this year.

Governor Bill Anoatubby commended Mike Crossley for his long and successful career.

"While 600 wins is quite impressive, what may be even more significant are the life lessons he has taught hundreds of student athletes," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Mike Crossley has helped young people learn the importance of hard work, perseverance and team work that will help them succeed in all areas of life."

Mr. Crossley, a Chickasaw citizen and one of the mostly highly-respected boys baseball and girls fast-pitch softball coaches in Oklahoma, said he is excited about win 600, but admits his 500th win was the most memorable in his 28-year coaching career.

"The 500th win was in a game that propelled us to the state tournament," Mr. Crossley said. "It was an important win made even more special by the Newcastle family I have had the privilege to be associated with for 31 years.

"Shea Longman pitched us to a win in that 500th game. The win stands out in my mind because Shea's mother, Lisa Smith-Longman, pitched our softball team to its first state tournament in 1988," he recalled. "My 24-year-old son, Kyle, was on that baseball team that earned the state tournament berth. It just shows I've been around long enough to get old and fat," he joked.

The 600th win came against Harding Prep of Oklahoma City March 29. It was a decisive 15-1 win for Mr. Crossley's Newcastle Racers.

"We have fielded a young ball club this year, but they have a lot of fight and tenacity so I'll take the 600th win with a smile," Mr. Crossley said. "The boys earned it."

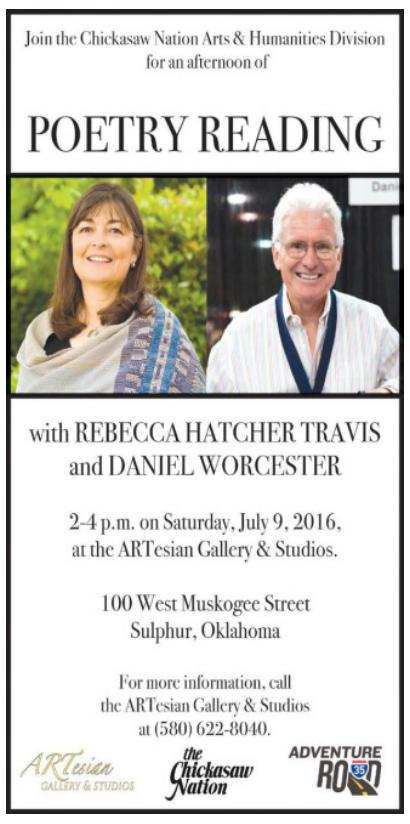
While 602 wins is quite impressive – most coaches hope for 20 wins per season so Mr. Crossley is ahead of the count by 42 games in his career – the coach has racked up 883 wins in girls fast-pitch softball. Coach Crossley's team also put a state championship trophy in the school's display case in 2014.

When baseball season closes, the girls will get started with practice in July. It will open the season against the John Marshall Bears Aug. 9. The girls season kicks off in Newcastle.

"Starting the season at home is pretty nice, Mr. Crossley said.

"There is such a great tradition here. I'm coaching children of players I coached when I first arrived. I can tell you this year's girls softball team may be the finest athletic team I've ever put on the field. They are very, very, talented and have played a lot of softball. We have seasoned players and young, talented players. I'm looking forward to it."

Mr. Crossley's 883 softball wins may be headed north beginning in August.


Join the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division
for an afternoon of
POETRY READING
with REBECCA HATCHER TRAVIS
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2-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2016,
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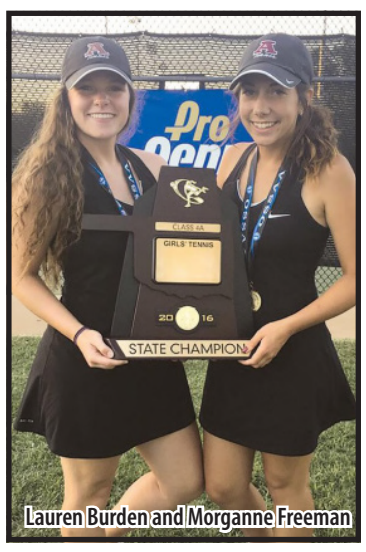


Lauren Burden and Morganne Freeman

Chickasaw citizen and Ada (OK) High School tennis player Lauren Burden, left, and doubles partner Morganne Freeman won the Oklahoma Class 4A state championship in Division 2 doubles. The championships were played at Oklahoma City Tennis Center in May.

Rebecca McCoy

Rebecca McCoy was recently named president and CEO of the $240 million America's Credit Union (ACU) in Garland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Joe Palmer, of Tishomingo.

Ms. McCoy joined ACU in 2009 as Senior Vice President of Strategic Development. She previously worked many years at the New Jersey Credit Union League and the Texas Credit Union League, and for 23 years owned a consulting firm that served credit unions throughout the nation.

ACU has locations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and in Springfield, Missouri. The organization serves nearly 25,000 members.

Ryan and Macy Smith

Ryan and Macy Smith are Chickasaw students at Byng (OK) Public Schools. Ryan was awarded the Male Student of the Year for his senior class. Macy was awarded the Female Student of the Year for her 9th grade class.

Ryan and Macy Smith are the grandchildren of Jack Smith and the late Bessie "Tootsie" Smith; and Richard and Mary Willis.

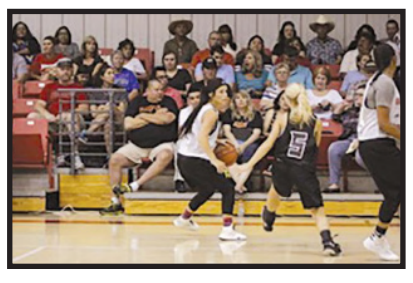
Alissa White and Josh Nichols

The inaugural Oklahoma Native All-State girls and boys basketball games were played this past weekend in Muskogee, Okla., on the campus of Bacone College. The Chickasaw Nation was represented by Alissa White of Sasakwa High School and head coach for the Bacone Warriors women's basketball team Josh Nichols. Mr. Nichols, one of the organizers of the event said, "We had limited time to get this event put together, but this group came together and we put on a wonderful event."

The girls' game was a back and forth game all the way to the end. Alissa White scored two points for the white squad as they won 51-50 over the black squad. The white team was coached by Ricki Wolf of Sasakwa High School, while the black was coached by Chad Tsotigh of Pawnee High School. All tied up at 48, Chickasha High School's Dominique Golightly hit the go ahead 3-pointer with just under a minute. The black team would get within one point, but a last second shot attempt was blocked by Asya Tims of Byng High School - securing the victory. Golightly was named the game's MVP while Raegan Swiftwater of Riverside, Taylor Osborn of Muskogee, Ava Battese of Elgin and Kenzie Bean of Okemah rounded out the top performers of the game.

The boys' game would come down to the wire, as well. The black team coached by Patrick Moore of Riverside Indian School edged the white team coached by Norm Tippeconnie of Perkins-Tryon High School. Dallas Nolan of Apache High School was named boys MVP. As the game went to overtime, Nolan was just heating up. Nolan hit three 3-pointers in overtime, including the game winner with just .04 left in the game to give the black a 77-76 win. Joining Nolan as top performers was Tahj Davis of Sequoyah, Lindy Waters of Norman North, Parker Taylor of Hulbert, and Draven Hickman of Riverside.

"We could not ask for two better games. We want to recognize our Native youth and give them support as they enter college. The game is just a highlight of the weekend for the kids, but that is just a carrot to get them on a college campus and provide them valuable information as how to succeed in their next journey into college," Mr. Nichols said. The board for the Oklahoma Native All State Association is Dwight Pickering, Quinton RomanNose, Jacob Tsotigh, Teresa Dorsett, Josh Nichols, David Walkingstick, and Patrick Moore. "The ONASA is made up of people who what is best for our Native youth. We would like to add softball and baseball to next year's games and keep adding from there. Without a number of volunteers and financial support from tribes and businesses across Oklahoma, these games would not have been possible. We hope to get more support for next year's games," Mr. Nichols said.



Carter and Jackson Williford

Carter and Jackson Williford were inducted into the 2016 National Junior Honor Society on May 5, 2016 at Rogene Worley Middle School in Mansfield, Texas.

Carter and Jackson are in the seventh grade at Worley Middle School. They are direct descendants of Edmund Pickens and great-great-grandsons of Rosie Melish Williford, original enrollee.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ayers of Colleyville, Texas are proud to announce their daughter, Chloe Elisabeth Ayers, scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT.

Miss Ayers is a 16-year old incoming senior at Colleyville-Heritage High School in Colleyville, Texas where she is ranked number 1 of 551 students in the Class of 2017.

She will also be representing the United States as part of Team USA at the World Jump Rope Competition in Sweden this summer.

Miss Ayers is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Shelly Wall

Shelly Wall has been named to Oklahoma City University President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2016 semester.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain a GPA of 3.9 or higher to meet the President's Honor Roll requirements.

Shelly is the daughter of Rev. Stephen G. Wall and Linda Greenwood.

Founded in 1904, Oklahoma City University is a non-profit, comprehensive, private United Methodist university that is consistently ranked among the best in its category. OCU students pursue academic excellence through a rigorous liberal arts and sciences core curriculum that focuses on their intellectual, moral and spiritual development.

John Stewart, Josh Stewart, Zack Winkler, and Mike McAnally

Josh and John Stewart, both Chickasaw citizens, represented their business, Native Medical Supply (a Chickasaw preferred vendor), this past Friday at the SMSDC Premier Face Time Golf Tournament in San Antonio, Texas and won first place.

The team was the only Native American-owned business in the golf tournament and was proud to represent the Chickasaw Nation.

Sha and Amanda Ingram

Amanda and Sha Ingram, Chickasaw sisters, who play collegiate softball for the Oklahoma City University Stars, helped their team capture the 2016 NAIA College World Series National Championship Title. The teams had to compete for a berth in the 36th Annual World Series Championship by advancing after conference play to an Opening Round Tournament. There were 10 selected opening round sites across the U.S and the tournament winners then advanced to the World Series which was played at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, from May 27-June 2, 2016. The OCU Stars entered the 10-team/double elimination tournament as the top ranked #1 seed. The OCU Stars finished the season with an impressive overall record of 67-3. This marks the ninth national softball championship for the OCU softball program.

Amanda is an infielder for the Stars softball team, her major is kinesiology and she plans to be an athletic trainer or coach. She has just completed her junior year at OCU. During her freshman year she received the Golden Glove Award and also went to the World Series with OCU in 2014 in which the Stars took fourth place. Amanda hit .329 with three doubles, one triple, one home run, 19 RBIs and 25 stolen bases according to OCU statistics. Amanda was a dual sport athlete this year as she also played women's basketball for OCU. Amanda was a four-year varsity letterman in high school. She played shortstop for the class 6A West Moore Jaguars softball team and helped her team to a state title in 2008 and accumulated many honors including First Team- All Big City and All Conference. Amanda was also a starting guard who made a big impact on the Lady Jags basketball team.

Sha is also an infielder for the Stars. Majoring in business administration and a student in the OCU Meinders School of Business and a member of the Native American Business Academy, she plans to run her own successful business one day. Sha appeared in 42 games this season as a freshman according to OCU statistics. She came in as a base runner, scored 19 runs and stole 9 bases. Those nine stolen bases came on nine attempts. Also making an impact in the classroom, Sha has made the Dean's honor roll for both semesters's her freshman year, maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.56. In high school, Sha, also a four-year varsity letterman, played centerfield while helping her team the Blanchard Lions win their class 4A State Title in 2011 and was featured on the front page of *the Sunday Oklahoman* for her diving catch in the outfield. Sha also played shortstop and accumulated many honors in softball such as First Team- Little All City, All Conference, set a record for stolen bases in a single season (60), Defensive Player of the Year, and MVP. Sha also lettered in cheer, basketball and track in which she was a 2-time state qualifier in the 300m and 100m hurdlers,

They have participated in many Native American tournaments such as the All Indian State Women's Fastpitch Tournament in Oklahoma City. The girls won the title game in 2013 after playing all day and night and were given All- Tournament Team Honors.

The girls seems to be following in the footsteps of their paternal grandfather James Ingram of Enville, Okla., who also had an impressive collegiate career in baseball, track and field, at both Bacone and Oklahoma Christian College. James was inducted into the National American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Bacone Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014 for such achievements as establishing school records in half-mile, one-mile, two-mile, sprint medley and distance medley in 1963 while attending Oklahoma Christian and First Team, All-American Baseball as well as All Conference - First Team and All-Star Regional Tournament selection in baseball and first place track finishes while at Bacone in 1960.

They are proud to be Native American student athletes and are very proud of their Chickasaw heritage. Amanda is also of Creek descent on her mother's side and Sha is also of Comanche/Kiowa/and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo descent on her mother's side.

Amanda and Sha Ingram are the daughters of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla., and Angela Townsend, of Oklahoma City. Their grandparents are James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla.; Randy and Mary Attocknie, of Oklahoma City, and the late Patricia (Duran) Attocknie; Susan Bear and Marvin Thurman, of Oklahoma City, and the late John Bear. They are the great-granddaughters of Lena (McCurtain) Ingram Farve, and the great-great-granddaughters of original Chickasaw enrollees James Cotton McCurtain, and Mary Fykie McCurtain.

Congratulations

Cody Mathews

Cody Mathews, of Forgan, Okla., graduated in May. He has signed to run track at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., this fall. He received an academic scholarship and a track scholarship.

Cody is the son of Cecil Bradley Mathews, grandson of George William Mathews, and great-grandson of the late Cecil Elmer Mathews.

Cody was salutatorian of his graduating class with a 3.9 gpa. He was president of his senior class and a member of Stuco, and the National Honor Society. He was also a member of the football, basketball, and track teams.

Community News

'Good Dinosaur' showing July 22 at Capital ground

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Enjoy a great outdoor movie this month at the Chickasaw National Capitol in Tishomingo.

"The Good Dinosaur" will be shown on the Capitol grounds at 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 22. Chickasaw Nation History and Culture will host this "Movie Night at the Museums" feature.

Admission is free and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact History and Culture at (580) 371-9835.

Pine needle basket class July 16 in Tishomingo

Chokma! Please join us Saturday, July 16 for a pine needle basket class.

Chickasaw Nation History and Culture will host the class from 1-3 p.m., at the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

The class is free and open to the public. Free tours of the museum will also be available.

For more information, contact Regina Berna at (580) 371-3351 or regina.berna@chickasaw.net.

Stomp dance July 16, Aug. 13 at Kullihoma

The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department will host a stomp dance, Saturday, July 16, 11 p.m.-6 a.m., and Saturday August 13, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Kullihoma. The event is open to the public. Food and refreshments will be served.

Kullihoma is located seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then three miles east and one mile south.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department at (580) 622-7140.

WIC program seeking input

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program seeks input from the public. Comments are needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2017 fiscal year. The deadline to send input is Aug. 1.

Comments about the WIC program can be sent to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Director, Nutrition Services at P.O. Box 1547, Ada, OK, 74820 or by calling this toll free number, (855) 559-0985.

WIC is a federally funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breast-feeding women and children up to age five who meet income requirements. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program serves approximately 3,800 women and children in the 13 county area.

MAY 2016 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Pro Tempore Nancy Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present:
Beth Alexander
Linda Briggs
Katie Case
Tim Colbert
Nancy Elliott
Mary Jo Green
Shana Hammond
Toby Perkins
David Woerz
Scott Wood
Steve Woods

Members absent: Dean McManus, Connie Barker

Staff present: Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Michel L. Wingo, Jeff O'Dell, Dana Lance

Chairperson Pro Tempore Elliott appointed Mr. Scott Wood as Secretary Pro Tempore.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 15, 2016
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the April 15, 2016 minutes.

Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,
Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond,
Toby Perkins, David Woerz,
Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2016 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
Ms. Shana Hammond gave the Human Resources Report.

General Resolution Number 33-033, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center, located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. This resolution also commits the 25% cash required to fund the construction of the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR33-033.
Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,
Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond,
Toby Perkins, David Woerz,
Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-033 carried unanimously.
Ms. Hammond concluded her report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 33-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation's Child Development Center, located at 2417 Chickasaw Boulevard and Maple Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR33-035.
Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,
Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond,
Toby Perkins, David Woerz,
Scott Wood, Steve Woods
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-035 carried unanimously.

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for Chickasaw Nation office space located at 2021 Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR33-035.
Members voting yes:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,
Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond,
Toby Perkins, David Woerz,
Scott Wood, Steve Woods
10 yes votes
Member voting no:
Tim Colbert
1 no vote

The motion to approve GR33-035 carried.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business to conduct or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Wood, Secretary Pro Tempore
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 17, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

AGENDA ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

GR33-038 To Rescind, Repeal and Replace General Resolution 21-033 (Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County)

GR33-039 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development Committee · June 6, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee · June 6, 2016
Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker

Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee · June 6, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee · June 6, 2016
Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Hunting & Fishing Code Committee · June 6, 2016
Present: Scott Wood, Tim Colbert, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Finance Committee · June 13, 2016
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Connie Barker
Absent: Steve Woods

Committee of the Whole · June 13, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker
Absent: Steve Woods

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Try adding some of these colorful choices to make a rainbow on your plate: purple grapes, green cucumbers, yellow squash, orange carrots, or red watermelon.
Ask your family what other fruits and veggies they would like to try and make your plates full of color.
Can you solve this riddle to learn one of my summer favorites?
What vegetable can you throw away the outside, cook the inside, eat the outside, and throw away the inside?
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JUNE 2016 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-038
To Rescind, Repeal and Replace General Resolution 32-033
(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the transfer and acceptance of a property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, located in Tishomingo, Johnston Co., Oklahoma, described in Exhibit "A" and herein incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature declares that General Resolution 32-033 is hereby rescinded, repealed and replaced and authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept, as a transfer, a deed for the above described tract of land. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after the transfer, if such an action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 17, 2016, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution rescinds, repeals and replaces General Resolution 32-033 to transfer and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference

Property Location: West Main Street and South Capital Avenue, Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma
Use: Tishomingo Information Center
Presented By: Land Development Committee

EXHIBIT "A"

THAT PART OF LOTS 1, 2 AND THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 109, OF THE TOWN OF TISHOMINGO, JOHNSTON COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL SURVEY AND PLAT THEREOF; MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 LYING 95.37 FEET WESTERLY FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTHERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE 55.00 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ON A LINE PARALLEL TO SAID NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 77.63 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF MICKLE AVENUE; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 37.28 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ABANDONED); THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 39.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 42.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-039
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma for the Chickasaw Nation to be added to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus described as follows:

All of Lot 2, Block 77, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 17, 2016, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be added to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:

All of Lot 2, Block 77, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.
Property Location: North Fisher Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

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THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 6-8:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 10:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 13:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up print-outs & USB flash drive.

June 13:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 23:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 5:
Voter registration closes.

July 6:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & USB flash drive.

July 7:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 26:
2016 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 26:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

July 29:
Recount period ends.

October 3:
(October 1 falls on a Saturday.)
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2016 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 1:
Candidates may pick up print-outs & USB flash drive (after 12:00 p.m.)

August 11:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 30:
2016 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

September 2:
Recount period ends.

October 3:
(October 1 falls on a Saturday.)
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

'Take a Kid Fishing Day' attracts over 300

More than 300 kids and parents enjoyed a day at the lake during the 25th Annual KYKC "Take A Kid Fishing Event" Saturday, June 4 at the Ada Elks Lodge Lake.

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This family event is sponsored each year in part by the Chickasaw Nation.

The event was coordinated and presented by the tribe's SCORE Broadcasting, which operates commercial radio stations, KADA, KYKC, KTLS and KXFC.

Many kids at the event experienced fishing for the first time.

Over $2,000 in prizes were awarded, including a the first-place prize, a two-man bass boat

The event started in 1991sponosored by KYKC and the Chickasaw Nation. It has now grown to one of the largest single events in the Ada community.

"Although the potential for rain reduced our attendance a bit, people who did brave the elements had a fantastic morning of fishing, food and prizes," SCORE Broadcasting general manager Roger Harris said.

Lunch was provided by the Ada Elks Lodge.

Chickasaw Nation assists citizens during storms, disasters

Whether it's flood, fire or tornado, the Chickasaw Nation is committed to serving citizens when they need emergency assistance the most. Keeping citizens safe, providing emergency assistance or creating avenues for others to help, the Chickasaw Nation offers a variety of resources for its citizens during times of natural disasters.

'Everything was gone or ruined' – Chuck Bellefeuille

Tribe speeds help to Chickasaw family hit by May twister

ARDMORE, Okla. - May 9, 2016, was a day that saw at least 24 tornadoes hit Oklahoma. It was the kind of day that combined the right weather ingredients to launch what was called an "outbreak" of tornadoes. Southern Oklahoma was hit with two EF3 tornadoes at almost the same time on that day.

Spring is the prime season for Oklahoma tornadoes and this year saw clusters strike in several areas of the state.

Chickasaw citizen Chuck Bellefeuille and his wife, Kendall, live near Ardmore with their two children. Mr. Bellefeuille is a second-year student at Murray State College in Tishomingo, and participates in the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work program.

He was at work at the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Nutrition Center when a large tornado came through. He said he could see the twister from his work site and worried about the damage it was doing to homes and communities.

Fortunately, the Bellefeuille family escaped the storm uninjured. However, the storm demolished most of their home.

Keegan Bellefeuille, 10, holds a "weather rock" she made. Her father, Chuck, explained that Keegan experiences anxiety about storms, so he told her she needed a "weather rock" – which is a rock on a stick. If the rock is wet, it's raining. If the rock has a shadow, it's sunny. If the rock is gone: tornado.

"Everything was gone or ruined," Mr. Bellefeuille said. "Our furnishings, clothes, food – everything," Chuck said.

Mr. Bellefeuille and the children were at her parents' house when the tornado hit. Luckily, the tornado missed that home.

Shortly after the Bellefeuilles determined how extensive the damage was to their home, representatives from the Chickasaw Nation contacted them to determine their needs and help clean up.

The Bellefeuille home after the May 9 tornado struck.

The Bellefeuille family is currently staying in one of the houses located on the Chickasaw Nation Retreat Center at Lake Arbuckle, not far from where their home once stood.

Other Chickasaw citizens who were tornado victims are also staying there.

The tribe provided gift cards for every member of the family to make it more convenient for them to purchase immediate necessities, such as clothing and other supplies.

"The Chickasaw Nation people have really taken care of us," Mr. Bellefeuille said. "They've really been a help."

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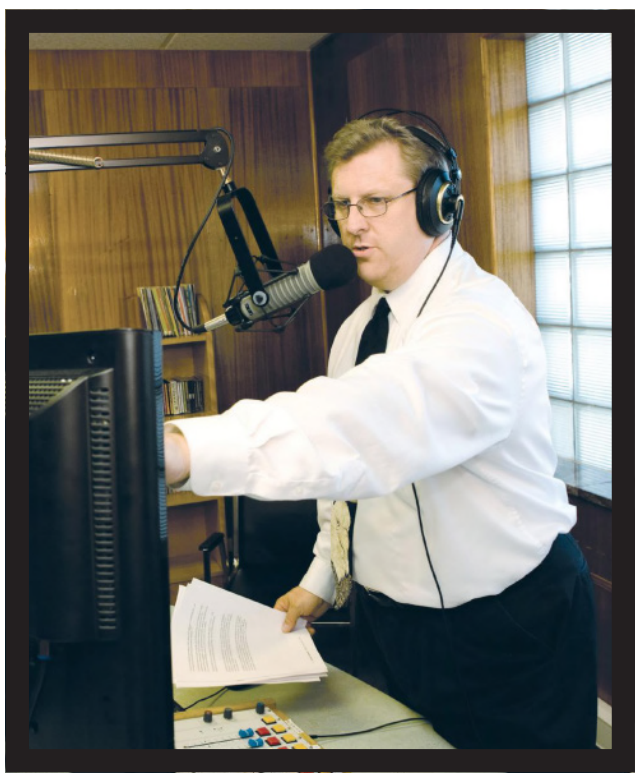
Chickasaw Nation offers over-the-air assistance during weather emergencies

During weather emergencies, Chickasaw Nation radio stations provide up-to-date status reports on storms moving through the area.

KCNP-Chickasaw Community Radio, operated by the Chickasaw Nation, is heard on 89.5 FM in Ada and 89.3FM in Dickson, Okla. The stations provide non-commercial community programming to listeners. During disasters, the station continually updates information from emergency managers, law enforcement agencies and the National Weather Service.

Listeners can also stream KCNP live at www.kcnpradio.org on a computer or smartphone.

KCNP's broadcast schedule features news and information on tribal, local and national issues. For Oklahomans in the station's listening area, weather is often one of the biggest news stories of the year. Many Oklahomans turn to radio to stay connected on the status of storms.



Brian Brashier broadcasting live from KCNP studios.

"An elderly citizen told us his vehicle was spared from a hail storm because he was listening at midnight and heard us say on KCNP that it was headed his way and he had time to protect it," KCNP broadcast productions director Brian Brashier said. "That motivates you to keep on top of the weather for the listeners."

During the recent tornado that hit the Sulphur and Roff areas, Mr. Brashier learned of listeners who took their cell phones with them to their shelters to livestream KCNP and listen to up-to-date information on the path of the storm.

This year KCNP was selected an NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. This designation formally recognizes KCNP and NOAA as partners who collaborate to improve the nation's readiness against extreme weather and climate events.

More Radio Coverage Of The Storms

The Chickasaw Nation also owns South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprise (SCORE) Radio. SCORE is a collection of four commercial radio stations in Ada, Okla.: KADA 99.3FM (1230AM), KTLS 106.5 FM, KXFC 105.5 FM, and KYKC 100.1 FM.

KYKC serves rural south-central Oklahoma. It was selected a "primary" radio station by the Federal Communications Commission. The designation provided KYKC with satellite equipment capable of receiving emergency messages directly from source providers, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency. KYKC is then able to relay those messages to other radio stations across southern Oklahoma.

KYKC was chosen because of its high-power radio signal, 50,000 watts, and its reputation as an "outstanding and reliable broadcaster," according to emergency management officials. The station's elaborate equipment set-up of transmitters and generators assures KYKC will stay on the air during storms and outages.

"Part of our obligation to the FCC and to the general public is making sure the nine counties we cover are served in emergency situations," SCORE Broadcasting general manager Roger Harris said. "With a 50,000-watt radio signal, our license agreement includes a significant responsibility to the community."

Lighthorse officers go where help is needed most

In cases of storms, tornadoes, flooding and other natural disasters, the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department is often among the first on the scene to offer assistance.

Lighthorse investigations Captain Steve Cash said the force is often called upon by communities in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries and throughout the state to provide all types of assistance.

"Most communities know we have rescue boats to help with water rescues," he said. "Just recently in the tornado that hit near Newcastle, we were called to use one of our all-terrain vehicles to get to areas that were impossible to get to by car (to search for victims of the storm)."

Newcastle is a community in the northern reaches of the Chickasaw Nation near Norman.

The Lighthorse team also used its rescue boats recently to help evacuate citizens in the Davis/Sulphur area who were affected by rising floods.

The Lighthorse Police Department has 43 sworn officers and nine civilian staff, including dispatchers. This Lighthorse team works closely with the tribe's GeoSpatial Information team and Environmental Services Department to help locate and rescue citizens.

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department officers assist Chickasaws and other Native American citizens across the Chickasaw Nation. Lighthorse officers are also occasionally dispatched to areas of need in other parts of the country.

"We can use the assistance from GSI (GeoSpatial Information) to help with searches using a grid mapping system," Capt. Cash said. "Environmental Services also has search and rescue dogs that can be used for tracking."

In addition to the services and assistance provided within the Chickasaw Nation, Lighthorse officers are cross-deputized with other law enforcement agencies and can serve those communities when needed.

Chickasaw Search & Rescue team assists Chickasaws, disaster victims across the country

From big cities to the smallest rural communities, emergency management services are an important lifeline. Annually, Oklahomans deal with natural disasters including tornadoes, fire, ice, drought and floods. But no matter the situation, the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Team is ready to go into action where needed.

The Chickasaw Nation recognizes the need to supplement existing local and county emergency services within Oklahoma. In many cases, the tribe provides resources to those who rely on small, rural volunteer fire departments.

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team provides assistance in the case of local, state and national disasters. The team has been mobilized for drought-induced firestorms, the tornado that struck Woodward, Okla., in April 2012, and the May 2011 storms that impacted Dibble, Newcastle, Washington and Blanchard.

Partnering with the American Red Cross, volunteers with the Search and Rescue team have manned locations for the American Red Cross across the state, freeing Red Cross expertise and manpower to be directed where needed.

Chickasaw Nation Search & Rescue is often first on the scene when disaster strikes.

After the initial tornado disaster of 2012 in Oklahoma, the team supplied residents with rakes, tarps, masks, and food and drink. The team manned communication stations where volunteers helped victims of the storm, and donations were being accepted. They also helped communities with residential damage assistance and sheltering.

A team traveled to New Orleans after that city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. They have also traveled to New Jersey and New York to assist during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, as well as tornado and firestorm-devastated areas in Oklahoma during 2013 and 2014.

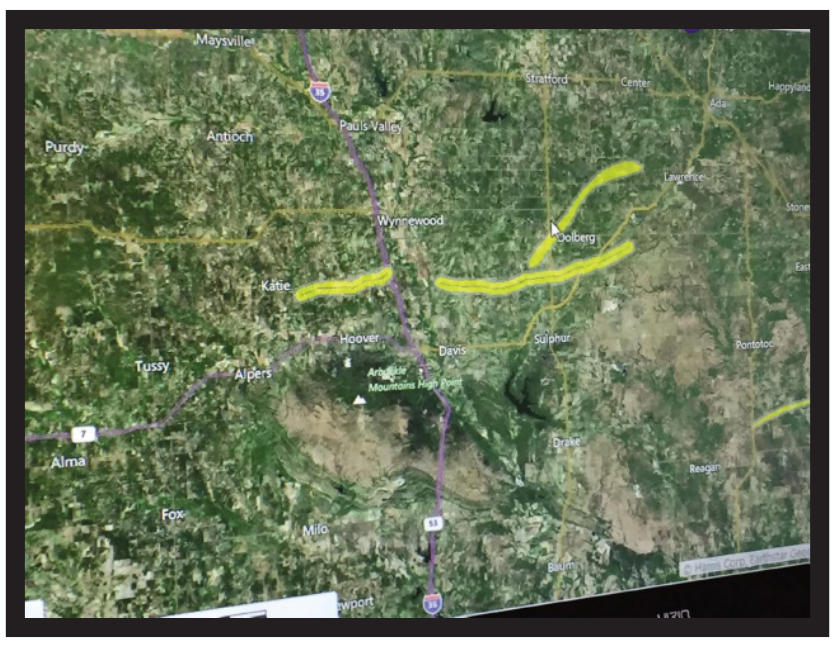
To further community safety, the Search and Rescue team has hosted educational events, in addition to providing various disaster preparedness education for their volunteers who are deployed to devastated areas.

Anyone interested in becoming a Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue volunteer, can contact Kelly Logan, disaster services manager at kelly.logan@chickasaw.net.

GeoSpatial team maps out the storm

After a tornado hits, the work to locate citizens and survey property damage begins. With the help of new technology, the Chickasaw Nation is able to find individual homes and citizens who may need emergency assistance in the aftermath of a storm.

The Chickasaw Nation Geospatial Information (GSI) Department uses mapping technology to locate property within the track of storms. By pinpointing individual addresses, based on voter registration, GSI can find locations and send out a request for emergency help if needed. In addition, it maps out directions to damaged property so Chickasaw Nation teams can get to the property to help with clean-up efforts.



A map of the area shows the path of a recent storm in Oklahoma that the GSI team uses to help locate Chickasaw citizens.

"The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) community in Oklahoma is strong," GSI manager Corey Gillum said. "We are part of a network of people connected to the National Weather Service. We send in preliminary data on the path of a storm, and then add zip codes in order to identify citizens who live inside that path."

GSI, Mr. Gillum said, creates points on a map that represent citizen addresses. That information is sent to emergency responders, or other official staff, who might be able to help with clean-up or provide other services.

"We understand that this data is sensitive, so it is kept very secure," he said. "Only a select group internally has access to the information."

GSI also uses aerial photography after a large storm has passed in order to get a pre- and post-storm comparison on property damage.

"This really helped in the Moore 2013 tornado," GSI senior database administrator Bill Bean said. "Citizens were able to get images to show their insurance representative what exactly was damaged, and in some cases, completely gone."

GSI analyst Jeannett Phillips said storms in Oklahoma weren't the only ones the Chickasaw Nation team followed.

"We try to get information and zip codes for every tornado in the United States so we can check to see if any Chickasaw citizens might be affected," she said. "If so, then other departments can step in and see what they can do to help."

Mapping Out A Bigger Picture

GSI mapping capabilities that help citizens in the aftermath of a storm are important, and the team also connects with emergency services in a variety of other ways.

The GSI team creates, maintains and enhances databases, maps and internal mapping websites for various Chickasaw Nation departments and divisions, including Lighthorse Police, Housing, Environmental Services, and others.

The team is also responsible for preparing maps and information for some of the area's city, county, state and federal agencies.

Map books provided to local fire departments can enable firefighters to better prepare by identifying the type and size of structures involved and locating the nearest fire hydrants before they ever reach the scene of a fire.

Detailed maps of the service area in south-central Oklahoma are provided to Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, county sheriff offices, local fire departments and search and rescue teams.

Maps are also made available on computers in Lighthorse Police Department vehicles and on customized web sites. These high-tech maps enable police officers and other emergency responders to quickly find the fastest and safest route to an auto accident, fire or other emergency.

Maps created for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol enable dispatchers to have a detailed view of county roads on large maps on the wall of the dispatch office. This type of information can be vital to dispatching officers to a call in a rural area.

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Helping Chickasaw citizens before a tornado hits

Storm shelter program

For Chickasaw citizens who live in tornado alley, the sounds of warning sirens are all too familiar. Typically in the springtime, tornadoes wreak havoc over miles and miles of land – destroying homes, farms and landscapes.

In Oklahoma alone over the last couple of years, many citizens have experienced tornadoes that turned deadly for too many families, devastating not just property, but the lives of family, friends and neighbors.

Workmen install a storm shelter. The tribe offers storm shelters to Chickasaw families across the country.

Administered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, the Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter Program was created to help families who live in "tornado alley" find a little peace of mind when the sirens sound. Established in 2003, the program is expected to serve approximately 400 citizens with shelters this year, said Terry Davis, director of housing management services. Since the program's inception, nearly 4,000 storm shelters have been installed for Chickasaw families.

Citizens can obtain an application by going to the Chickasaw Nation website, printing the application, or contacting the housing division. Go to: www.Chickasaw.net/StormShelter.

To Apply For A Storm Shelter

The storm shelter program provides shelters for privately owned homes of Chickasaw citizens. The service is available both inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation's boundaries.

An application for a shelter is required, and can be found at www.Chickasaw.net/StormShelter. For citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, a grant for up to $2,500 will be provided for installation of a storm shelter.

Applicants Must Provide:

· CDIB/Citizenship Card
· Social Security cards of all household members
· Income verification of all household members
· Copy of warranty deed

To Qualify:

· Must be Chickasaw Citizen
· No outstanding debt owed to the housing division or to the Chickasaw Nation
· Home must be the applicant's primary residence
· Storm shelters are awarded one time only to each family in order to meet the needs of all Chickasaws

For more information and an application, call the Chickasaw Nation Housing Administration in Ada, Oklahoma, at (580) 421-8800, or visit the website at www.Chickasaw.net/StormShelter.

Chickasaw disaster relief helps citizens; update your address!

Chickasaw citizens can help those affected by natural disasters and other crises by making a donation to the Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. The Chickasaw Nation has activated the disaster and relief fund for individuals to contribute to relief and recovery efforts associated with emergencies, such as the tornadoes that impacted many communities across Oklahoma the past few years, including the devastating tornado that hit north of Sulphur, Oklahoma, in May of this year.

Ryan Westbrook, Executice Chef at Springs at The Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, along with coworkers Brent West, Matt Payne, and Chris Defrancis prepare meals for disaster victims.

One hundred percent of the donations received are used toward disaster relief and recovery. Donations are distributed to serve as many Chickasaw individuals as possible. The Chickasaw Nation maintains a high level of accountability for these funds. All donations are tax deductible, and a tax receipt is provided upon completion of each transaction.

Donations to the fund can be made online or via mail to The Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund, Chickasaw Foundation, Post Office Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726.

Call (580) 389-1740 for more information.

Chickasaw citizens whose homes and/or property have been directly affected, and who have not been contacted by the office of Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery, should call (855) 389-1740.

Keep your address updated!

When Chickasaw citizens are affected by natural disasters or weather emergencies, the Chickasaw Nation responds. Disaster team personnel telephone or personally visit those homes to determine who might have been affected by the disaster and how the Chickasaw Nation can help.

It is of critical importance the tribe has your correct address. The clearinghouse for address and phone records is the tribal election office. Anytime you change your address or phone number, please be in touch right away.

Changing your address or phone information is quick and easy. You will find the change of address form at www.chickasaw.net. The form can be printed out, completed and mailed back to the election office.

If you do not have web access, or have any trouble at all, you can call the election office toll-free at (888) 661-0137 and a change of address form will be mailed to you.

You can write to the election office at P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821 and you can email election secretary Rita Loder at rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

When you change your address with the election office, your information is updated with voter registration, area offices, community councils and the Chickasaw Times.

When disaster strikes, having your correct address on file is imperative. The GeoSpatial Department sends zip codes of disaster-affected areas to the election office. The election office then sends the names, addresses and phone numbers it has on file for those zip codes to GeoSpatial. GeoSpatial can then pinpoint your location via satellite imagery and get help to you immediately.

The information you provide to the election office is completely secure. When any information is passed along to GeoSpatial for disaster relief, it is used only for locating and contacting citizens.

Relief is provided through various Chickasaw Nation departments, such as Health or Housing, according to the needs of each individual situation.

When a citizen needs immediate assistance, like food, clothing, shelter, and utilities, the disaster relief team works with the Chickasaw Foundation to issue gift cards to help cover those expenses. Other Chickasaw Nation departments may also be contacted to offer assistance with clean-up or other needs.

Alexis and Tatum Hill assist with disaster relief efforts.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the area office closest to them for assistance.

Area Offices
Ardmore – (580) 226-4821
Ada – (580) 436-7256
Purcell – (405) 527-4973
Sulphur – (580) 622-2888
Duncan – (580) 470-2131
Tishomingo – (580) 371-9512
Oklahoma City – (405) 767-8971
Pauls Valley – (405) 207-9883

Your area office is your best first call with any questions or emergency needs. Whether you need emergency funds to purchase clothing, or assistance with property clean-up due to a storm, the area office staff will connect you to the appropriate resource.

Storm Shelter Program

The Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter program is available to all citizens throughout the country. Citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries will be provided a grant up to $2,500 for purchase of a storm shelter.

An application is available online at www.chickasaw.net/storm-shelter, or call (580) 421-8800.

Voter Registration

Keeping your voter registration updated (new address, phone, etc.) is essential in making sure the Chickasaw Nation can locate you in time of an emergency. If you have not yet registered to vote the application is available online at www.chickasaw.net/voter-registration.

Citizens can also request the application by calling (580) 310-6411 or toll free at (888) 661-0137.

Lippard named executive officer for Culture and Humanities Department

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed an Ada resident Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities Executive Officer.

Chenae Lippard was recently promoted to lead the Chickasaw Nation Division of Heritage Preservation.

In her new role, Mrs. Lippard oversees the day-to-day operation of the tribal department of Homeland Affairs. She also oversees the Chickasaw Bank Museum and the Chickasaw Nation's Internship program.

"Ms. Lippard understands the critical need to preserve, interpret and share our culture and heritage both in Oklahoma and our homelands," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her experience, enthusiasm and dedication to fostering connections and developing partnerships between the Chickasaw Nation and the people of the Chickasaw homelands make her well-suited to this position."

Mrs. Lippard previously served as Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities Chief of Staff, as well as special assistant to the Secretary of Culture and Humanities and tribal Internship program manager.

CHENAE LIPPARD

She said she was honored and thankful for Gov. Anoatubby's confidence in her abilities and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

"I am truly humbled to be appointed to serve the Chickasaw people and will continue to further the efforts of preserving, interpreting and protecting Chickasaw history and culture," she said.

Mrs. Lippard was instrumental in the establishment of the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation, where she currently serves at the chairperson of the foundation's board.

The foundation is a nonprofit entity headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi. The foundation's mission is to preserve, protect and interpret Chickasaw history and culture in the historic Chickasaw homeland, which includes Tupelo and portions of north Mississippi, west Tennessee, northwest Alabama and southwest Kentucky.

A collaborative effort is also under way with the Natchez Trace Parkway to develop a Chickasaw Heritage Center in Mississippi. The center will help educate visitors about Chickasaw history and culture in the area.

Mrs. Lippard is also working on the development of the "Chickasaw Explorers" program, an educational program which involves archeological surveys of the homelands as well as coordinating Chickasaw homelands tours.

She will continue to oversee the Chickasaw Nation internship pro-

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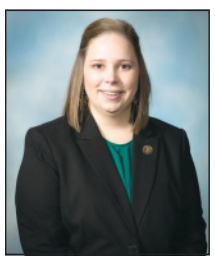
Anderson appointed Family Therapy director

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Dr. Amber Anderson director of Chickasaw Nation Medical Family Therapy in the Department of Family Services.


DR. AMBER ANDERSON

Dr. Anderson will oversee Chickasaw Nation Medical Family Therapy services and clinicians in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo, Okla. The medical family therapy team works collaboratively with medical providers to deliver integrated healthcare to Chickasaw citizens and Native Americans served at Chickasaw Health clinics.

"Dr. Anderson brings experience, compassion and enthusiasm to this position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is dedicated to developing a seamless integration of mental health care services into our medical clinics across the Chickasaw Nation."

Dr. Anderson said she was grateful to join the team dedicated mental health professionals committed to serving and improving services for Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans.

"It's been so humbling that Governor Anoatubby has entrusted me to be part of this team," Dr. Anderson said. "Governor Anoatubby has charged us with elevating mental health services. I think of that phrase every single day."

Dr. Anderson said she was welcomed "to the Chickasaw family" when she accepted her new position.

"I have never had anybody say that to me before in a work place," she said. "The Chickasaw Nation is less like a work place and more like family.

"That is so awesome."

A native of the Galveston, Texas area, Dr. Anderson is a graduate of Dickinson (Texas) High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Abilene Christian University and a doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy from Texas Tech University. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

Prior to her Chickasaw Nation employment, Dr. Anderson served for four years at the Community Health Center of Lubbock, Texas. She also operated a private practice in the Lubbock area.

She has extensive experience in behavioral health, previously serving as an adjunct professor for Abilene Christian University and director of an alcohol and drug treatment program.

Dr. Anderson resides in Ada.

Bess named Child Support director

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed a Chickasaw citizen director of Child Support Services.

JOSH BESS

Josh Bess has been promoted to the leadership position in the Chickasaw Nation Family Services Department.

"Mr. Bess understands the critical role Child Support Services plays in the lives of young children," Gov. Anoatubby said. "His enthusiasm and dedication to enhance the well-being of children and families is commendable. His knowledge and experience will help him serve the Chickasaw people well in this position."

In his new position, Mr. Bess oversees programs and activities related to Child Support Services, including support services, enforcement, finance and legal services.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services

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Tribal Health Department honors Employee, Team of the Year

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health honored employees for outstanding contributions during a special awards luncheon June 10 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The event honored employees and team members for contributions during 2015.

The annual Employee and Team of the Year luncheon and awards presentation recognized patient benefits supervisor Pam Benedict and Kyle Yochum, protective services, as employees of the year.

"There were many nominations to review for employee of the year, and the committee had a very difficult time," Department of Health Undersecretary of Operations Heather Summers said. "It was so difficult, they couldn't select just one, and as a result, for the second time since 1995, we have a tie for this honor."

Ms. Benedict and Mr. Yochum were cited for exceptional work ethic, positive attitude, commitment to excellence, exemplary customer service and passion for serving the Chickasaw people.

"Working on the front line can be challenging, but this employee (Benedict) steps up to meet this challenge every day with a positive attitude, Ms. Summers said.

Kyle Yochum, protective services, and Pam Benedict, patient benefits supervisor, receive Employee of the Year honors.

(L to R): Resource and Patient Management System team members Ashley Witt, IT programming supervisor; Terri Jones, IT business analyst; Tina Gregory, IT applications support manager; and Lori Dolan, IT application support analyst, receive Team of the Year honors.

"This employee understands the importance of not only listening to people, but building a 'connection' to let them know their concerns are important."

Mr. Yochum was recognized for providing outstanding customer service and outstanding work ethic.

"This employee (Yochum) works beside and with our staff every day to not only protect, but to provide assistance wherever needed, without expectation of reward or recognition," Ms. Summers said. "Coworkers know they can rely on this employee to be there when help is needed."

The Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) team was honored as Team of the Year. Team members were recognized for their contributions to help doctors, nurses and ancillary staff provide service to patients.

RPMS team members include Tina Gregory, IT applications support manager; Ashley Witt, IT programming supervisor; Lori Dolan, IT application support analyst; and Terri Jones, IT business analyst.

"The word 'team' isn't about just working together," Ms. Summers said. "It's the unique ability to establish and build a cohesive team of people with different skills, abilities and backgrounds, committed to achieving a common goal – a common purpose."

Awards were presented by Governor Bill Anoatubby and Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

Brashier appointed Community Outreach executive officer

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed a veteran employee Executive Officer for Community Outreach and Development for the Chickasaw Nation.

Sheilla Brashier oversees the divisions of Community Outreach, Special Events, Community Development and the McSwain Theatre in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communication and Outreach.

"Mrs. Brashier has long been a vital part of fostering positive relationships with our local communities," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She serves the Chickasaw Nation with dedication and integrity. Her knowledge and professionalism make her an excellent fit for this position."

Mrs. Brashier began her Chickasaw Nation service in 1989 as Gov. Anoatubby's executive assistant.

She was promoted to Programs Applications Evaluation director in 1997 and, in 1999, to Office of Special Events director, where she has served until her recent appointment.

"I am excited to be able to serve in this capacity," Mrs. Brashier said. "The Chickasaw Nation is a wonderful organization that has seen tremendous growth under Governor Anoatubby's leadership.

"I appreciate the confidence shown in me to continue being an active part of the future growth and feel most fortunate to have spent the past 27 years in the organization. I look forward to the challenges ahead and appreciate the opportunity to serve."

The divisions of Community Outreach, Special Events, Community Development and the McSwain Theatre provide services that help fulfill the Chickasaw Nation mission of enhancing the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach assists Chickasaw citizens and community groups throughout Oklahoma, and across the U.S.

"We now have over 20 active groups across the United States," Mrs. Brashier said.

Community Outreach staff coordinates speakers, informational presentations and cultural demonstration for Chickasaw Community Councils.

Chickasaw Nation Special Events coordinates all Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival activities as well as special activities and events, including ribbon cuttings, ground breakings and receptions.

SHEILLA BRASHIER

Numerous activities and events celebrating Chickasaw heritage, history and customs are featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation during the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival. The weeklong event is highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby's "State of the Nation" address delivered annually the first Saturday in October.

The Chickasaw Nation Community Development division develops and fosters partnerships with community partners through civic and chamber of commerce affiliations and networks. The McSwain Theatre, a historic live performance venue in Ada, hosts a monthly music show, weekly movies and local and national talent.

Mrs. Brashier also oversees the Chickasaw Outpost, a retail store in the McSwain Theatre. The Outpost offers handmade Chickasaw items, Chickasaw historical publications and other items.

She has also served the Chickasaw Foundation on the board of trustees, as well as the Special Events Committee and Scholarship Advisory Committee.

She has represented the Chickasaw Nation as a board member on the Ada Regional United Way and Ada Main Street Association.

Mrs. Brashier is a member of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, International Entertainment Buyers Association, Country Music Association, International Festivals and Events Association, and the Association for Administrative Professionals.

In 2012, Mrs. Brashier earned a prestigious Certified Festival and Event Executive certification from the International Festival and Event Association. She has also earned numerous certificates in project management and event planning.

She lives in Ada with her husband, Brian. The couple has two daughters, Shann and Brealyn.

Mosely named executive officer of Self-Determination

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed a Chickasaw citizen to a leadership position within the Chickasaw Nation.

Palmer S. Mosely V has been named Executive Officer of Self-Determination for the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Mosely will oversee the tribal Department of Self- Determination. The department manages administration of the Chickasaw Nation's self-governance compacts and funding agreements under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. In addition, the department conducts strategic planning and assesses the impact of federal legislation, regulations and policies on self-governance initiatives.

"Palmer Mosley's experience and his commitment to serving the Chickasaw people make him a good fit for this position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He understands the need to tailor programs and services to the needs of the people in order to fulfill the Chickasaw Nation mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Mr. Mosely said he viewed the appointment as a chance to give back to the tribe.

"The Chickasaw Nation has given me and my family so much," he said. "I felt it was time for me to give back to the tribe. I want to express my appreciation to Governor Anoatubby for this tremendous opportunity and for his confidence in me. I am honored and blessed to be an advocate on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation where I can continue a family tradition of public service."

Mr. Mosley is the great-great-grandson of former Chickasaw Nation Governor Palmer S. Mosely and Amanda (Greenwood) Mosely. Gov. Mosely is a Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame member.

The principle of self-governance, Mr. Mosely said, is a proven process that works.

Through tribal sovereignty, he said, the Chickasaw Nation is better suited to establish its own priorities and determine its own needs.

PALMER S. MOSELY V

"In return, we have seen significant improvements in the quality, quantity and accessibility of services to our tribal citizens, he said.

"My daily objective will be to continue our proactive efforts to advance and expand our self-governance authority to enhance the lives of the Chickasaw people."

A native of Bromide, Okla., Mr. Mosely attended public schools at Tupelo and Wapanucka.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Southeastern (OK) State University.

Mr. Mosely's previous work experience includes as a police sergeant with the Durant (OK) Police Department and special agent and chief of police with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

While at the BIA, he was temporarily assigned to Washington, D.C., to work on Presidential initiatives to improve law enforcement services in Indian Country. He was responsible for drafting national policy while assigned to the Tribal Law and Order Act work group.

He was also temporarily detailed to numerous Indian reservations to monitor law enforcement programs and conduct investigations while working at the BIA.

Mr. Mosely's wife, Jennie, works as a senior compensation analyst with the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Department.

The couple has four children. The Moselys live in Latta.

Crawford new Residential Services executive officer

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Todd Crawford Division of Residential Services Executive Officer for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services.

An Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselor with 26 years' experience in the field of behavioral health treatment services, Mr. Crawford will direct the Chickasaw Nation Division of Residential Services in this new position.

"Mr. Crawford has dedicated his career to providing exceptional mental health services to those he serves," Gov. Anoatubby said. "His extensive training and experience in the mental health field, along with his education and commitment to achieving our mission make him a great fit for this positon."

Mr. Crawford will provide planning, supervision, program development and implementation for the delivery of residentially-based mental health, substance use and family services.

He will oversee the Healthy Lifestyles programs including the women's treatment center, Chickasaw Children's Village, Aalhakoffichi' (ATLC) and the SEDS Grant initiative. He will also operate an ongoing program development to achieve a comprehensive circle, or system, of care for Chickasaw citizens and other Indian families.

"I am honored to serve and am humbled by the opportunity provided by Governor Anoatubby and our leadership, Mr. Crawford said.

TODD CRAWFORD

"As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Everybody can be great, because anyone can serve.' You don't have to have a college education to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.'"

Mr. Crawford has worked in multiple levels of care. He has been engaged in inpatient, day treatment, outpatient, crisis stabilization and residential treatment. He has worked with diverse populations including children, adolescents, adults and families. He is also a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the state of Oklahoma.

Mr. Crawford's service to the Chickasaw Nation began in 2011, when he accepted the position of director of Community-Based Services. He most recently served as director of Residential Services for the Chickasaw Nation.

Prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Crawford worked for various community and state be-

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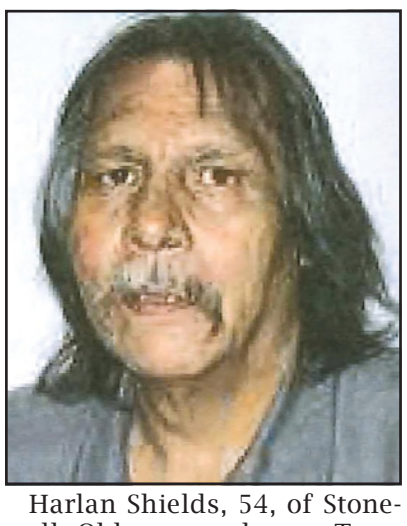
OBITUARIES

Harlan Shields



Harlan Shields, 54, of Stonewall, Okla., passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at an Ada hospital. He was born March 30, 1962 in Talihina, Okla. to Joseph and Minnie Allen Shields. Mr. Shields worked in the mechanic shop at Chickasaw Nation Housing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles Shields, Simon Shields, and Henry Shields; a nephew, Steven Hamilton; and niece, Deedra Jean Jefferson.

Survivors include eight sisters, Rose Jefferson and husband, Gene, of Ada, Mae Hamilton and husband, Robert, of Mill Creek, Imogene ImoticheyWalker and husband, Gary, of Ada, Louise Shields, of Ada, Mary Gipson, of Ada, Gayle Clark and husband, Scott, of Mill Creek, Carol Fox and husband, Larry, of Ada, and Marla Key and husband, Roy, of Ada; a brother, Kent Shields and wife, Carol, of Norman; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives, and friends.

Services were at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Tony Poe officiated. Burial followed in Steedman Cemetery. Bearers were Jay Wisdom, Kevin Wisdom, Darl Durant, Floyd Smith, Dusty Newport, and Daryl Smith. Honorary bearers were Terry Factor, Tony Lewis, and Joe Akers.

Ashlie Thurman

Ashlie Thurman, 30, of Ada, Okla., passed away Monday, June 13, 2016 at a Tulsa hospital. She was born August 13, 1985 in Ada to David Earl and Lisa Smith Thurman.

Ashlie graduated from Yukon High School in 2007. She had such an infectious smile and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lisa, and her grandfather, Wade Duke.

Survivors include her father, David Thurman; two sisters, Amber Thurman, and Taylor Thurman; her aunts, Raquel Blake, Debra Thurman, Tracie Carter, and Stephanie Blake; her uncles, Donnie Thurman, Terry Duke, Doyle Duke, Brian Carter, and Stephen Duke; her grandparents, Macalyen Duke, and Ed Blake; a great-uncle, Bud Blake; four nephews; and five nieces.

Services were at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Richard Atzbach officiated. Burial was in Five-Mile Cemetery, east of Ada. Bearers were Brian Carter, Gary Fox, Donnie Thurman, Preston Baker, Michael Allison, Sr. and Stephen Duke.

Top finishers

Chickasaw artists compete at Red Earth

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Red Earth Festival in downtown Oklahoma City marked its 30th anniversary in 2016. The annual event was June 10-12.

Red Earth each year features top Native artists competing in a wide variety of media.

Brad Tate, a Chickasaw photographer from Colorado, entered Red Earth for the first time with his eye-catching "Mesa Arch" photo. Mr. Tate visited with festival attendees and shared the story of capturing the image in November 2015.

"This is Mesa Arch in Canyonlands National Park in Utah," Mr. Tate said. "It's about 5 o'clock in the morning. You have to be there very early to get the sunrise at that place and you're fighting with another two dozen photographers.

"When I got there, I had to stand on the very right side of the crowd because they were all in the middle of the shot and I was like, 'there is no way I'm going to get a decent picture on the outskirts of the crowd.' But I was shooting with an 8mm lens which is a 180-degree view."

The photo, printed on aluminum, features vivid colors and creates an almost three-dimensional effect, bringing the photo to life. A shot he never thought he would capture, "Mesa Arch," took second place in the drawing/graphics/photography category.

Mr. Tate's home is minutes from picturesque scenery every day.

"I live in the four corners area of Colorado," he said. "You can go so many places, that's why I like living there. As a photographer, it's given me endless subjects and I like a lot of them because they are very Native American-centered.

"Mesa Verde is a Native American place and these all have deep Native American history. I'm just really drawn to the visual effects of all those places. Everywhere you go there you feel like you are not in civilization, like it was hundreds years ago."

Photographer Brad Tate and his second place award in drawings/graphics/photography with "Mesa Arch."

Bladesmith Daniel Worchester holding his first place award-winning cultural item, "Viper" forged from reclaimed items.

Another Chickasaw award winner, Daniel Worcester, captured first place in the cultural items category with his knife "Viper." The serpent design of "Viper" proved compelling. The blade was hand-forged from a tree pruner. Billiard balls we repurposed for the handle. Mr. Worcester creates his useable artwork from reclaimed materials.

Mr. Worcester continues to return to the festival each year to share his culture and artwork with others.

"I like the atmosphere, and I like the way it promotes Native American art, Mr. Worchester said.

"I like to be here in Oklahoma where a lot of people that you know have come in and people are really interested in different types of art."

Attending the festival for the third time, Chickasaw artist Tyra Shackleford shared her motivation and vision.

"I want to expose a wider audience to what Chickasaw Art is and Southeastern art, so I just try to do as many shows as I can and share and educate people about who we are and what we do," she said.

Ms. Shackleford won third place in the clothing/textiles/weaving category, with her finger-woven shawl. Her love of finger weaving began at the Chikasha Reunion in the late 1990s when she was 12 years old.

"I remember Wisey Narcomey taught me some and some other ladies," she said. "She is the one I spoke to more than just at reunion."

The Red Earth Festival has become a premiere venue for visual and performing arts. Native American artists from across the U.S. meet at the festival each year to share their passion and heritage with the community.

2016 James H. & Madalynne Norick Youth Art Competition Winners

Division II (ages 13-15)

- **Beadwork**
  - 1st place - Angelina Bruner, Ardmore
- **Cultural Items**
  - 1st place - Angelina Bruner, Ardmore
- **Painting/Drawing**
  - 1st place - Tvli Birdshead, Ada
  - 2nd place - Nayukpa Ramsey, Ada

Division III (ages 16-18)

- **Cultural Items**
  - 1st place - Faithlyn Seawright, Ada
  - 3rd place - Laura Dennis, Ardmore
- **Jewelry**
  - 1st place - Laura Dennis, Ardmore
- **Beadwork**
  - 2nd place - Laura Dennis, Ardmore
- **Graphics/Photography**
  - 2nd place - Laura Dennis, Ardmore
  - 3rd place - Mekko Postoak, Ada

Message from Chickasaw Junior Princess Lauren John

Chokma!

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. The 2015-2016 school year is over and our Chickasaw Nation Head Start students have already graduated.

We are continuing to learn about our language and culture through occasional cultural classes. The Chickasaw Nation cultural staff are amazing teachers. We traveled to the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow is Albuquerque, New Mexico. We will also attended the Miss Indian World Contest. The pageant was interesting, because we got a glimpse of other Native cultures and their demonstrations. The pow wow was an overwhelming experience I will not forget.

LAUREN JOHN, CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS 2015-2016

June was a very busy month for us. We went to the Red Earth festival to celebrate and showcase Native American art and culture. We also attended the Chickasaw Hall of Fame for an induction ceremony. Then we traveled to Washington, D.C., and performed at the American Indians Committee Luncheon the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution 125th continental congress.

Being a Chickasaw Princess is a busy job, but we are having a blast. I hope that all young girls will have their applications submitted in by the application deadline, Friday, Aug. 26. You will have the opportunity to be ambassador for your tribe, build friendships and make wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

I am proud to be your Chickasaw Jr. Princess!

Yakoke!

Lauren John

2015-2016

Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Young Chickasaw ladies may now complete applications for Pageant

Applications are now available for the 2016-2017 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw 2016-2017 Pageant

Chickasaw Princesses serve and represent the Chickasaw Nation as ambassadors at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Eligibility:

- Age 17-25 to apply for Chickasaw Princess; age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess and age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw
- Candidates must reside within the 13-county region of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw and a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation
- Must currently be enrolled in school, submit a recent grade report, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must be in good standing with the school

In addition to the application, candidates must also include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and three references (who are not related to the candidate).

Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 26.

Applications are available at www.Chickasaw.net/youth and at the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Division, 231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Oklahoma. For more information, contact Mary Hartley, at (580) 310-9539 or (580) 272-7710.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Alona Cooper

ALONA COOPER

Alona, daughter of Roni Blair of Ada, Okla., is an April recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics. She is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by her teacher, Kristi Scroggins.

"Alona is a ray of sunshine every day. She always has a sweet smile on her face and is a superb student. She is a hard worker and is always the first one to offer to help someone," Ms. Scroggins said.

Alona plans to be a doctor one day.

"My favorite hobbies are basketball, softball and playing catch with my brother," she said.

Maddison Cook

MADDISON COOK

Maddison, daughter of Tim and Jackie Cook of Chickasha, Okla., is an April recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

She is a junior at Chickasha High School and was nominated by physics and chemistry teacher, Jim White.

"Maddie exhibits outstanding work ethics and always strives for excellence. Along with being a scholar, Maddie had very strong moral standards which are a reflection of her family values. Maddie is a born leader and often volunteers for service in her community," Mr. White said.

She is actively involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fightin' Chicks for Change and is a member of the varsity pom squad.

"I always go to church events, volunteer at church and go to weekly services," she said. "I plan to get a degree in early childhood education to become a prekindergarten teacher."

Chloe Amador-Williams

Chloe, daughter of Matthew Williams and Sherry Amador of Ada, Okla, is an April recipient of the for Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

CHLOE AMADOR-WILLIAMS

She is a fourth-grader at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by teacher, Kristi Scroggins.

"Chloe is always the first one to offer help to do anything. She is a hardworking student and well-liked by her peers. She is super smart and is creative in her writing assignments," Ms. Scroggins said.

Chloe enjoys playing softball, skating and reading.

"When I get older I want to be a teacher for elementary children. I want to go to East Central University to get my degree," she said.

Laine Williamson

LAINE WILLIAMSON

Laine Williamson, daughter of Lesley Williamson and Amy Westfall Williamson of Yukon, Okla., is an April recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award.

She is a third-grader at Parkland Elementary and was nominated by teacher, Gayle Shane.

"Laine is a great student both academically and behaviorally," Ms. Shane said. "She treats teachers and other students with respect and kindness."

Laine likes playing outside, singing and creating art.

"When I'm home I like to play Legos with my big brother, cook with my mom and watch shows on Netflix," she said. "I have lots of pets and hope to be a vet someday. I am proud to be a Chickasaw!"

Marina Hatton

Marina, daughter of Kevin and Ronda Hatton of Owasso, Okla., is an April 2016 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics and Journalism.

Marina is a senior at Owasso High School and was nominated by history teacher, Kathy Rutherford.

MARINA HATTON

"Marina is an outstanding young lady in every way - socially, academically, personally. She is such an asset to our school. She has played a big part in the high school Mock Trial team, often winning 'Best Attorney' and has taken the team to State twice!" Ms. Rutherford said. "She is a kind and generous person, always volunteering a helpful hand or tutoring struggling students."

Marina, a California native, enjoys traveling, photography and writing. She recently took what she called a "dream vacation" with her family to Italy, Turkey and Greece.

"My future plans include attending Santa Monica College then transferring to UCLA to major in journalism and Native American Studies. I am proud to be a Chickasaw like my father's fathers before me, and so thankful for their support in my higher education," she said.

Star Parker

STAR PARKER

Star Parker, daughter of Melissa Amador and Zachary Watson of Ada, Okla., is an April 2016 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

She is a fourth-grader at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by teacher, Kristi Scroggins.

"Star is a bright young lady with a darling personality. She is a hard worker and is always smiling. She loves to read," Ms. Scroggins said.

Star enjoys playing softball, sewing and helping others.

"I enjoy learning and also teaching," she said. "I help my sister learn by teaching her what I learned. I try to make good choices and do my best every day. I like to learn my Bible verses at church and I like to read and do math."

Pontotoc County Free Fair celebrates centennial in 2016

Local Ada fair, Chickasaws, have long, rich history

ADA, Okla. - The Pontotoc County Free Fair celebrates its centennial in 2016, and a local Chickasaw family has been engaged in the fair since its inception.

Mary Jo (Thomas) Green, a Chickasaw legislator from Ada, was the third generation in her family to enter exhibits in the fair. Her grandmother and mother entered before her, and Mrs. Green's daughter and granddaughter have carried on the family fair tradition.

Melissa (Green) Wilkerson, Mary Jo Green's daughter, right, was a fair princess.

"The fair was always a very special occasion," Mrs. Green said. "We had a farm, a garden and an orchard so we entered in as much as we could."

The family of John and Julia (Kennedy) Thomas consisted of mom and dad, plus a son and five daughters. The kids worked on the farm at Fitzhugh and were always proud of their entries in the Pontotoc County Free Fair.

"We worked all year in 4H to make sure we had the very best entries at fair time," Mrs. Green said. "It was always exciting to take your things to the fair on Wednesday ahead of the judging on Thursday."

The anticipation of seeing what their entries had been awarded reached a high pitch each year.

"We couldn't wait to get into the area and see what ribbon we had won," Mrs. Green said. "It was what you had worked so hard for."

Mrs. Green is the youngest of the Thomas brood. Her mother, Julia (Kennedy) Thomas, and her grandmother, Mary (Victor) Kennedy, entered exhibits at the fair.

"As long as I can remember, we were involved with the fair," she said. "It was a real highlight of the year."

Growing up in the 1930s, '40s and early '50s, Mrs. Green recalled money was most often very tight, or completely missing.

"One of the big draws at the fair for all of us was the money you could make on your entries," she said. "We just didn't have much money. No one did. So, the more entries you had in the fair, the better chance you had of bringing home folding money."

Laurie Jennings and Mary Jo Green, both Chickasaw, have had long and fulfilling experiences with the Pontotoc County Free Fair.

When she married J.L. Green in 1951, Mrs. Green paid $40 for his wedding band. The money, she said, came from her fair winnings.

The Thomas children also sold milk, cream and eggs produced on the farm.

She attended Fitzhugh school all 12 years of elementary and high school, graduating in 1951. Students who had "good grades and deportment" were selected to carry entries to the fair for judging and help with other fair-related activities. These jobs, she said, were much sought after.

"You had to reflect well on where you came from," she said.

The Thomas farm was on Mrs. Green's family's allotted land. All the different crops – corn, apples, peaches, pears and more – were grown on the family place. When the kids piled in the family car to head to the fair, the vehicle was known around the area as the "Thomas bus."

Mrs. Green's mother was an excellent seamstress. Mrs. Green picked up the talent and often entered sewn garments at the fair. Both were regular blue ribbon recipients.

"My 4H and fair participation were very important parts of my life and helped make me who I am today," she said.

Both of Mrs. Green's parents were Chickasaw. The family is very proud of its Chickasaw heritage. Mrs. Green's mother and three of her sisters attended historic Bloomfield Academy, a Chickasaw girls' school. Mrs. Green is retiring this year following a 39-year career with the Chickasaw Nation. Since 2000, she has served as a Chickasaw legislator representing Pontotoc District.

Pontotoc County Free Fair entries by Julia (Kennedy) Thomas, Mary Jo Green's mother.

J.L. and Mary Jo Green had two children, Jess and Melissa. Both were very active in 4H and Pontotoc County Free Fair. Mrs. Green's granddaughter, Keisha Factor, has also been active in the fair.

"Our two children, our church and the fair were our lives," Mrs. Green said. "I went to every 4H event and loved the fair. It was a good way to bring up a family."

Mary Jo Green's son Jess Green with his calf and his grandmother Julia (Kennedy) Thomas.

You can enjoy this year's Pontotoc County Free Fair Aug. 30 through Sept. 3 at the Pontotoc County Fairgrounds in Ada.

For more information, log on to facebook to find Pontotoc County Free Fair centennial celebration.

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was the first tribal child support program established outside a reservation. It has grown to provide child support services to Chickasaw and Choctaw children throughout Oklahoma.

"I am blessed and thankful to be appointed by Gov. Anoatubby," Mr. Bess said. "I understand the responsibility and don't take it lightly. I am thankful and honored."

Mr. Bess was quick to praise the dedication and hard work of the tribal Child Support Services staff.

"I've been charged with overseeing Child Support Services to meet the needs of employees within Child Services and also the individuals who request child support services. Our goal is to take care of the children and work with the families."

Mr. Bess began his service to the Chickasaw Nation in 2006 in the School to Work program.

Students accepted in the School to Work program attend classes and work in internship programs. Students, all Chickasaw citizens, are considered employees and receive paychecks and benefits for their efforts. The program is for nontraditional students.

Mr. Bess credits the tribe and the School to Work program for giving him the drive and direction he needed to be a success.

"It changed me in the biggest way possible," he said.

While in the School to Work program, Mr. Bess gained experience in Youth Services, Commerce and Landscaping.

Upon completion of his degree, he served as Chickasaw Nation Youth Club health and fitness coordinator; Chikasha Pehlichi Ikbi "Creating Chickasaw Leaders" coordinator; and, most recently, the Hinoshi' Chokma' "Good Paths" resource coordinator.

A native of Roff, Okla., Mr. Bess received bachelor's and master's degrees from East Central (OK) University. He is a 2015 graduate of Chickasaw Leadership Academy.

He lives in Ada with his wife, Kassie, and the couple's two daughters, Brianna and Jayli.

Youth cultural workshop offers great experiences

Chickasaw youth experienced a multifaceted, three-day course in Chickasaw culture June 8-10. The workshop was packed with classroom lectures, interactive cultural activities, demonstrations and field trips to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and other Chickasaw historical sites.

Youth who attended the first Chickasaw Nation Youth Cultural Workshop took a field trip to the Chickasaw Council House Museum. Front row from left, Natalie Easley, Phillip Cravatt, Kadence Reeder, Kaylee Davis, McKenzie Alford, Anneli Martinez. Second row from left, Madison Crispin, AnnaMae Palmer, Austyn Khoury, Rachel Wedlow, Brayden Khoury, Sophia Jones, Macyee Davis. Back row from left, Chance Brown, Paul Baken, Mekko Postoak.

This workshop marked the debut of the program coordinated by Arts and Humanities special projects manager Paul Baken.

"I'm excited about getting to do some activities with the students, such as stickball and stomp dance, seeing the Chickasaw National Capitol and the Chickasaw Council House Museum where historical documents were signed, Mr. Baken said.

"This may be something to build on in the future. I know a lot of schools do not teach about Chickasaws. With this I think the students are going to get a lot of information."

The youth, ages 10 to 13, learned the history of Chickasaw Removal, about ancestral design and tattoos, the Chickasaws' first encounter with Europeans and the Chickasaw Nation government.

Students experienced a variety of cultural and artistic demonstrations. Cultural instructor Jeremy Wallace told the origin story of the Chickasaw people and performed music on several handmade wood flutes. Stephanie Scott, storytelling program coordinator, performed traditional Chickasaw stories and language outreach coordinator Clovis Hamilton presented a language activity.

A trip to Kullihoma featured stickball and stomp dance demonstrations. Students also visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, the Chickasaw National Capitol in Tishomingo and the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

Students created embossed art with Chickasaw designs and learned about Chickasaw literature. They left with their art creations, the Chickasaw Adventures comic book series and a greater understanding and appreciation of Chickasaw culture through their experiences.

Mr. Baken and his team hope the program will grow in coming years, bridging a cultural education gap for Chickasaw young people.

"We have humanities classes like this at different colleges, but nothing for youth," Mr. Baken said. "We are hoping the workshop will grow every year, because there is a need for it."

Camp Survivor gives 100 kids outdoor, nutrition experience

DAVIS, Okla. - More than 100 children, ages nine to 13, participated in the 13th annual Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor, May 31 through June 3 at YMCA Camp Classen in Davis.

Camp Survivor promotes healthy lifestyles by providing healthy meals and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere.

Activities included wall climbing, canoeing, fishing, archery, stickball, kickball and swimming.

Camp counselors and staff encouraged and motivated campers to participate in each activity and to never give up. Lara Stingley shared her joy as she saw camper, Josh Sotello, 10, successfully conquer the rock wall he has been trying to climb for three years.

"When he was about to give up, I asked him if he wanted to quit, because you want to quit or because you don't think you can make it," Ms. Stingley said, "Then he climbed to the top."

Campers also enjoyed healthy snacks and meals, and learned how to properly read nutrition labels.

"Campers come here for five days with no access to electronics, to encourage socializing," Get Fresh! food demonstration specialist Neva Harjochee said. "Their food is monitored for healthier options. We do not allow the campers to drink any soda or sugary drinks during their stay. Children are served whole grains, fresh fruit and vegetables and lean proteins."

Because of the Oklahoma heat, hydration is a priority at Camp Survivor.

"Hydration is stressed and water is available throughout the campgrounds. It's just a great camp and it's amazing to see the children transform their eating habits and physical activity in five days," Ms. Harjochee said.

Camp participants were divided into teams to work together toward the goal of becoming the overall team champion. This year's champion was Team Losa.

Camp Survivor campers and counselors spent five days enjoying the outdoors and learning about nutrition, fitness and teamwork.

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havioral health organizations.

A native of Ada, Mr. Crawford earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychological Services from East Central (OK) University. He is a 2006 graduate of the Governor's Executive Leadership Academy for Oklahoma State Officials and a 2008 graduate of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Leadership Academy.

He resides in Ada with his wife and children.

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gram, which she has coordinated since the program's launch in 2004.

The mission of the Chickasaw Nation internship program is to work in partnership with government and business leaders across the country to provide exclusive educational opportunities to the leading Chickasaw students.

The internship program accommodates about 30 students per year.

Mrs. Lippard has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 2002, when she accepted a position as administrative aide.

During her career, she has served in a number of positions including executive assistant, special assistant, program manager and chief of staff.

Mrs. Lippard is married to Rev. John Henry Lippard. The couple resides in Ada with their four children, Ashton, Alesha, Adisyn and John Michael.